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I strongly oppose any new taxes that will be needed to fund ODOT. ODOT continues to mispend our tax dollars and overspend on projects with no real results. They haven't cut upper management salaries or cut roles within the department that are not needed, yet frontline workers are being laid off, that is an ODOT problem and not a budget problem. Oregon receives plenty of tax revenue despite the cherry-picking data that ODOT has showed you, Oregon actually falls in the middle on highway spending per capita (Graphic and Data Analysis: Khushboo Rathore, Oregon Journalism Project). Oregon generates \$791 per capita which is actually higher than Washington, California, Utah and Nevada. Oregonians CAN'T afford new taxes. ODOT will have to address the budget deficit by cutting management, unnecessary programs within the department and all of the other projects that aren't benefiting drivers/tax payers. It's time for ODOT to start focusing on the roads we do have and stop with the animal under passes, bike lanes and removal of actual lanes to form "road diets." Do your jobs and say NO to new taxes!

Thank you,
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