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I strongly oppose the new Transportation Package!

This package would take the process of tax increase out of the hands of the voting public and put it into the hands of bureaucrats who only know how to spend and never learn to cut back on spending. There is such exorbitant waste in the ODOT system and no accountability for ineffective operations and inefficient use of human resources. As an example, about 10-15 years ago in Brookings ODOT, after fully exploring the revision and engineering of an intersection on Highway 101 and Constitution Way, spent months in the area making that revision and putting in a stop light and medians only to find out that when completed, school busses and log trucks could not make the turn. Then ODOT said, oh don't worry about it we'll take care of it and pay for the correction ourselves!!! What they meant was we'll do it wrong the first time because we're so inefficient and ineffective and we'll just pay to do it again!!! In my opinion the human resources at ODOT could be cut considerably without any impact to the departments. Inefficiency is the name of the game. It all comes out of the taxpayers pocket so no worries!

Furthermore, this package leaves NO ONE responsible to the tax paying voters of this state and eliminates any accountability for over budgets, excessive waste, graft, etc.

This package leaves the door wide open for future gas taxes and truck fees to be raised by UNELECTED OFFICIALS WITHOUT A VOTE OF THE POPULACE.

Work on reducing spending rather than increasing taxes! No private company could operate this way and stay in business.