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As a tax paying citizen of Oregon, now is NOT the time to be raising taxes nor fees on its constituents! Instead, in the interim, Legislators need to be focused on using all ready available funds that can be re-directed to "maintenance" via legislation. We need to STOP overspending on "big projects" and put a pause on ALL "pet projects. We need to focus on using allocated dollars for these special projects to address road maintenance, etc. Thru legislation, we can move these funds around to accomodate immediate maintenance needs. This will solve short term immediate needs. From there, let's have real bipartisan discussions about ODOT's budget for the long run. Most importantly, we need to be adding checks and balances within that budget to insure that ODOT is being held accountable much more than they have in the past.

We also need to be looking at "big salary" positions that are not necessary as opposed to laying off those who do the real work out on the roads! STOP NOW with the fear mongering about needing to lay off essential workers while retaining high priced positions. I am sure a lot of these positions are either overpaid or not necessary.

We need to do better and get creative as opposed to taking the lazy approach - raise fees and taxes.

Thank you for your time.