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I am in full support for the Governor's proposed Transportation Bill.

We need to ensure that ODOT, as well as our cities, counties, and public transit agencies, can maintain and operate their systems in a way that serves all of the people of Oregon.

If we don't find a solution, hundreds of ODOT employees will lose their jobs next month, and hundreds more city, county, and transit agency workers will be next. These layoffs would be detrimental to these workers and their families, but also detrimental to all of us. It will mean roads won't be plowed in the winter, potholes won't be fixed, buses and MAX trains will come less frequently and run fewer hours, and our bridges and tunnels will fall into further disrepair, and biking will be less safe.

We drive a hybrid car and rarely need to buy gas. We should be paying more to support Oregon's transportation system since we are not paying our full share of the gas tax. I am willing to pay more to have paved streets, road maintenance, and safe transit and bike lanes.