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It is disheartening to watch as our leaders in Salem try to push yet more taxes on Oregon's citizens. If there truly is a budget shortfall with ODOT, budget cuts should be made elsewhere to make up the difference. That's what the average household would have to do. Not so, it seems, with Oregon's government. It seems that instead of cutting marginal programs to fund an issue the answer always seems to be more taxes. I'm sure ODOT could be streamlined and its critical functions could remain intact. The other thing with government is that whenever cuts need to be made the "sacred cow" is always held up as where the cuts will be made. It's no wonder that Eastern Oregon wants to secede from the state. The conservative voices are, for the most part, ignored.