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I'm aware of the funding shortfall for ODOT and the counties, cities, and towns that rely on it to maintain the transportation systems that all Oregonians use to move themselves and goods around the state. Since during the regular session our legislators couldn't agree on how to fund ODOT we now have a special session to address it. From what I heard, the Republican members of Oregon's legislature were against pretty much any of the ideas floated by the Democrats and some of the Democrats sided with them ending the debate on the bill. If you have been to DMV in the past 10 years you know that the wait times have gone up due to multiple things but primary amongst this is staffing. The current system of funding isn't cutting it anymore and needs modification. Electric vehicles need to pay their fair share of the road use. We can't just take the money from the general fund and use it ONLY for maintaining the roads, we also can't take money dedicated to other transportation needs and use that ONLY for maintaining the roads. ODOT isn't just about roads, it is about ALL transportation methods. Pass some valid method of funding ODOT and make sure it is going to work more than just 2 years. The plan put forth by the Governor is a great place to start.