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#### NO NEW ROAD TAX.

How can ODOT go over their budget by 350 million? Who authorized that? Audits every 3 months need to be done to keep ODOT within their budget allocation, once the money has been spent, spend no more. Cut back on elaborate projects until the money is available, don't spend what you don't have. Now Oregon expects the taxpayer to cover their misuse of funds? That is an expectation that is not fair to the taxpayer, to be on the hook for more money to clean up the financial mess that ODOT created. The public can only afford so much from their household budgets to pay taxes, and I resent the assumption by the State that citizens can bail ODOT out of their mess by paying more. I believe Rep. Drazen has a plan to use money already accumulated and held by the State to cover ODOT's huge budget failure, keeping ODOT employees employed and the public safe on Oregon roads. Use her plan, it makes sense and wouldn't tax the taxpayers into personal debt. I would suggest that the State Treasurer assign someone from his office to review and approve any expenditures for ODOT projects to ensure there is no over spending in the future. Most taxpayers do not have a money tree in their backyard to pluck dollars from to cover ODOT's misuse of Oregon taxpayer's hard earned money. We won't forget this fiasco when future elections occur, trust me.