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Please vote to fund the Oregon Department of Transportation. I work for ODOT in the Traffic department and have seen the impact a reduced workforce has already had on our ability to respond to the public's concerns. Many of our roads were built decades ago. Maintenance staff in particular are desperately needed to keep pavement markings visible, replace signs when they are knocked down, and repair traffic signals when electrical components break. Beyond that, often members of the public bring concerns to our attention. Minor changes in signing and striping can make travel safer and easier for everyone. As funding problems have become more pronounced over the years, I and my coworkers have had to tell people that even those minor changes are no longer possible. We don't have the staff or the funds to reduce speeds, mark crosswalks, or make signal phasing changes at locations that people are most concerned about.

Please vote yes to fund transportation in Oregon.

Tiffany Slauter