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When Sam Adams was mayor of Portland, street maintenance was non-existent. The City Auditor reported there was money in the budget to pave 5,000 lane miles a year. In his last year in office, 22 miles were repaved, and the balance of the money went to street cars and bicycles.

This year the city of Portland is 93 million dollars short of budget, yet with the IGA gave Multnomah County 100 million dollars for homelessness and laid off city employees.

When the state created the Oregon Health Plan it was a financial disaster. Who approved the Oracle contract?

Now when the state population is decreasing and unemployment increasing, the state wants to radically increase the transportation budget, or layoff ODOT workers. Historically we have seen this before in city and state government. (see above)

Until there is budget transparency at the local and state levels and proof that the budget is being followed and verified with public audit reports that will establish integrity, I expect no new transportation taxes. Our family has been through layoffs. We adjusted our budget to live within our means. I expect the state to do the same. I'm asking nothing of the state that was not asked of myself. No more of the same old thing. Without proven budget reform no new transportation taxes increases. It's that simple!