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I am writing in opposition to HB 3991. Oregonians are taxed enough. Every legislative session sees new taxes that seem to disregard our ability to pay. It is well known that ODOT has the money to meet the current shortfall. The funds are currently allocated to specific projects. These projects have nothing to do with the maintenance of the existing transportation infrastructure .Quite the opposite! They would create additional infrastructure to maintain in the future. If we can't maintain what we have it seems foolish to build more. Additionally, many of these projects are the implementation of idealistic ideas that the voters of the state should have the opportunity to approve/disapprove individually, not hidden in large funding packages that are put before the legislature

THE SOLUTION: Change the transportation funding rules to allow ( I would say MANDATE) ODOT to use all allocated funds on maintenance and fund new projects once maintenance needs are met.