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I am writing in support of HB 3991 which will provide funding for ODOT and other transportation agencies throughout the state. Without funding, Oregonians will not be able to commute to work reliably and groceries and other goods will be more limited and more expensive. During natural disasters, including regularly occurring wildfires and landslides, response will be slower to start and take longer further limiting the freedom to move around the state.

Additionally, I am adamantly opposed to the republican plan to do away with Safe Routes to Schools and other non-driving surface funding. I grew up on a rural road with gravel shoulders and no sidewalks. In 8th grade, as I walked to the school bus stop, a car hit me. I was fortunate in that the injuries were severe but limited in location - I am alive now. The driver was late to work and was speeding and distracted - a very common occurrence. I will gladly pay \$100/year if it means some kid never has to go through the surgeries and recovery that I did because drivers aren't going to stop speeding or distracted driving.