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Please - for the health of Oregon's economy and safety of its citizens, even visitors, pass the transportation package.

Maintenance and operations isn't sexy and appealing like the new stuff, new projects. It's keeping what we have intact at a cost we can afford. Plain and simple failure to pass this measure will mean more expensive road fixes down the road.

Proposals to transfer federal project funds cannot be done. Transfer of state emergency funds is short sighted, especially with the pull back of federal commitments on other needed programs.

All of us don't like the increase in the cost of living. We get it! We're on a fixed income. But road maintenance is expensive and most of us are still buying groceries - even though most Americans voted in the current administration to reduce inflation and roll back costs.

I would urge lawmakers to have the vision with the accountability safeguards; pass the bill. Please don't further hobble this state to small thinking and the resulting poor and unsafe roads and highways.

Thank you.