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I realize we will need to increase taxes to maintain our roads, and agree increases are needed. But I am concerned that, as is often the case in Oregon, we are trying to be perfect when what we need is to get the job done. In this case, our highways, roads, and public transit need to be maintained. We don't need monstrous new projects like one mile of highway in Portland that will only add one more lane of clogged highway. Somebody needs to pull the reins in on ODOT and make them cost effective. The current legislation is holding the workers at ODOT hostage by putting their jobs on the line, and holding all Oregonians hostage to deteriorating infrastructure. Cut increases to basic needs, not a wish list.