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ODOT budget

*21-23 biennium - 4700 full-time positions and a budget of \$126.8 mil.

*23-25 biennium - 4950 positions and a budget of \$212.2 mil - 67.4% increase in funding

*proposed 25-27 biennium would again grow with a projected 5100 employees and \$219.7 mil

The DMV is getting revenue from the sale of our personal information for millions of dollars since 2020. We are literally being fleeced.

Trimet executives - 14 positions over \$200,000/year plus benefits (in the range of \$50k per), 4 positions are at over \$360,000.

An ODOT infrastructure administrator position - listed the first week of August - earning \$12,000 - \$19,000 a month plus benefits.

Before taxing us any more - tighten the belt. Freeze hiring. Those who are making the big bucks should either get more responsibilities or a 20% paycut. I have seen reports of people working in ODOT who claim that there is a universal attitude of "we can do it and the tax payers will cover it."

You had the budget - you had the opportunity. Stop wasting our money and then asking for more.

I am hearing a great deal of inappropriate blame on the current Federal administration for failures that are happening in Oregon. The former transportation bill did not pass - not because there weren't enough people who believed the work needs to be done - it didn't pass because the bill has already been paid. Stop asking for more money and get to work.