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A bridge too far

There is no issue with there being enough money to fund essential services for the Department of Transportation. The problem is how the money they get is being allocated. We can't be all things to all people. Focus on the essential services first, and then when there's extra money, use that for the wants. But don't say you have to raise taxes to do the thing you should've been doing in the first place. Oregon has already becoming one of the most expensive and unaffordable places in the country, and we have one of the highest tax burdens. Learn to live on a budget and focus on the essentials, just like everybody else, instead of having a laundry list of things you want and then guilty everyone into paying even more to do the things that you should be doing in the first place.

Trying to raise taxes at a time like this is a bridge too far, and the consequences will be far worse than a few potholes.