

Submitter: Belinda Coalman

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Special Session Committee On Transportation  
Funding

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3991

It is time the State of Oregon learn to live within their budgets. It doesn't matter that Oregonians already pay one of the highest gas taxes in the country, you want more. You will always want more! You not only demand more, but you try to scare us with threats of roads not getting plowed or potholes fixed. I am already there and doing that as the County abandoned mine and several other roads in Columbia County. We haven't had ANY maintenance in over 2 years. It gets to the point the postal service refuses to deliver anyone's mail on these roads. Guess what? We survive. We finally figured out we could pay someone privately to fix our roads for cheaper. Meanwhile, a small country road close by that goes to a proposed big business, just got re-blacktopped. We see there is plenty of funds for Oregon's pet projects, and none for the regular citizens, especially in rural areas. Time you start spending the funds you already have on the basics of road maintenance, then fund things like light rail and public transport if there is any left. Every Oregonian is having to budget and prioritize in these times of high inflation, and you must do the same with the tax dollars we entrusted you with.