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I do not want autonomous vehicles on the streets of Portland. Waymo has been a disaster in San Francisco and we should always learn from the mistakes of others. The facts of the matter are these: autonomous vehicles are far over-promising and seriously under-delivering. They are not capable of making judgement calls of the quality that safe driving requires. They increase congestion. They put the decision making power as to the value of a human life into the hands of massive, self-centered, profit-driven corporations. Case in point: Tesla recently released its 'mad max' mode for its semi-autonomous vehicles. This mode instructs the vehicle to ignore stop signs and speed limits. If we want to get people from point A to B efficiently, quickly, and without them having to drive, we have far better solutions in bus rapid transit, subways, high-speed rail, grade-separated light rail, and prioritized, traffic separated street cars. These solutions are time tested and work wonderfully, safely, and at low cost burden to their users all over the world. There is no logical reason to instead search for solutions in new, poorly operating, dangerous, and high cost burden to their user vehicles.