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It's clear to everyone that the way ODOT has managed funding for major capital and maintenance projects has been inadequate.

SB1543 shines some much needed sunlight on the process which is necessary to regain the trust of Oregonians. Letting our transportation systems fail or go bankrupt is not an option, but there will be some tough decisions again.

SB1543 will ensure good governance of limited transportation dollars by requiring project funding decisions to be made like an investment decision, looking at it from all angles and considering the tradeoffs. Further, SB1543 actually increases the legislature's oversight by including appointments from both chambers on the Oregon Transportation Commission.

Crucially, SB1543 will also ensure transparency and procedural fairness with open meetings and opportunity for public input. This means decisions aren't made in a cloakroom, but with full information for a wide variety of transportation stakeholders and users.

Please support SB1543.