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HOUSE REPUBLICANS ANNOUNCE PROPOSAL THAT PROTECTS FAMILIES FROM TAX INCREASES, STABILIZES TRANSPORTATION

SALEM, Ore. – Today, **the House Republican Caucus** announced a <u>transportation proposal</u> that protects Oregonians' pocketbooks at a time in which they're facing rising costs and tax hikes. This proposal prioritizes core functions of our Transportation Department, sidelines spending in non-essential programs and divisive agendas, protects federal transportation funding, and preserves critical road safety services.

In identifying approximately \$730 million in refocused spending, cost savings, and spending cuts, House Republicans commit to delivering functioning roads without asking Oregonians to pay more.

"This plan protects Oregon families from more tax increases by requiring ODOT to cut wasteful spending that does not align with core functions," said **House Republican Leader Christine Drazan (R-Canby).**

"For years, ODOT has funded ideas instead of infrastructure," said **Rep. Shelly Boshart Davis (R-Albany).** "When an agency is focusing on an agenda of one-party rule, pavement priorities get sidetracked. Oregonians see it and deserve better."

Proposed Cuts to ODOT's biennial budget for 2025-2027 include:

- Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund: \$306.7 million
- Reallocate Vacancies: \$68.3 million
- Lease Unused Office Space at ODOT Headquarters: \$55.9 million
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Program: \$47 million
- 3% Agency Staff: \$40 million
- Passenger Rail: \$38 million
- Vehicle Privilege Tax: \$35 million
- Social Equity and Civil Rights Division: \$24.9 million