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The dash-17 amendment to HB 3414 ignores the real need for funding for infrastructure, more specifically existing infrastructure needing updates. More land does not solve this issue.

The UGB is at the heart of fighting climate change and by maintaining the wildlife-urban boundaries we are supporting healthy environments that are important to shifting this climate emergency. Rezoning inside the urban boundaries is more important – build up, not out, and rezone existing spaces that are paved, barren swaths of land that significantly increase heat temps. (Looking at you, parking lots.) Why are we giving more space to cars than to people, and then we wonder why we have a housing crisis?

Please do not bypass the existing land use laws. They have been important in shaping what Oregon is and with proven results.