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I support the creation of an Oregon Rail & Transit Department. ODOT has proven itself fiscally irresponsible with a recent budget deficit of \$1.8-billion and it's always the public transit and pedestrian projects that get cut first despite their importance and the extreme value they add to our cities. Public transit is important to those of us who want to be more sustainable, those of us who have disabilities that stop us from driving, and those of us who simply prefer to use our commute to do something more productive than staring at the car in front of us for 30 minutes.

I want to see our transit and rail budget protected going forward.

I want an Oregon Rail and Transit Department.

And I want to fund the ORTD so that we can work towards a more sustainable future by investing in our communities.