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Oregon's transportation infrastructure is in need of both repair and improvement. However, the Transportation Package is not the mechanism to achieve improvements. It is a costly tax increase on the fuel using industries of the rural communities of Oregon. It heavily funds urban projects that have not met prior results from expenditures. It does not demand accountability of ODOT. ODOT was once an agency of engineers planning and implementing transportation projects. ODOT has become an agency of "engineering managers" manipulating contracts and money sources based on political decisions. An increase in licensed engineers would help improve the effectiveness of ODOT. A review of prior projects and their results is due the taxpayers of Oregon, especially rural communities left behind for urban voters. Let's do better next session.

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