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ODOT's budget is up 100% since 2015. Potholes are growing like weeds and our bridges and highways are crumbling due to lack of proactive maintenance

CPI up 35% – ODOT's spending increase is nearly 3x that rate
Steel is up 73%
Concrete is up 65%
Asphalt up is 25%

Again, hard expenses are "only" up 25-73%, yet ODOT's spending is up nearly 100%, the system is crumbling, and staff is apparently being cut – the math doesn't work for me. HB 2025 rewards this math by sending over a billion dollars in new taxes to ODOT.

And beyond the annual budget, where did the unexpected \$3.7B of 2021's post-COVID Build Back Better federal infrastructure funds go? Roads are worse and infrastructure is crumbling due to lack of maintenance since 2015.

CPI: <https://www.usinflationcalculator.com/inflation/consumer-price-index-and-annual-percent-changes-from-1913-to-2008/> Bureau of Labor

Steel: <https://fred.stlouisfed.org/series/PCU33123312> Federal Reserve Bank

Concrete: <https://fred.stlouisfed.org/series/PCU32733273> Federal Reserve Bank

Asphalt:
[https://ycharts.com/indicators/us_producer_price_index_asphalt_paving_mixture_and_block_manufacturing_mixtures_blocks_yearly_producer_price_index_\(12/31-12/24\)](https://ycharts.com/indicators/us_producer_price_index_asphalt_paving_mixture_and_block_manufacturing_mixtures_blocks_yearly_producer_price_index_(12/31-12/24))