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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. ODOT's spending increase is nearly 3x the current CPI rate of 35%. ODOT 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. In addition, 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 needed maintenance. Lastly, when are the electric vehicle owners and bicyclists going to pay their fair share of the costs associated with our roads, highways and freeway costs?