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Oregon has already put enough money towards expanding freeways and adding lanes in the past. It is a band-aid fix that isn't going to resolve the root issue at hand, being the fact that we're kneecapping any sort of viable alternative to cars. The more you take away from transit, the more people you force onto the roads, the more congested traffic becomes. It's a simple cause and effect. Inevitably that's going to cause us to have to put more money into freeways for repair and further expansion again later, cycling as we hemorrhage financially. The idea that people aren't utilizing trains either? Ludicrous! I just took the train last weekend with my husband, up to Seattle and back, and there wasn't an empty aisle for most of the ride. Taking money away from our alternatives just to put it back in the never ending demands of the freeways? Actual insanity.