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Capital Construction

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I strongly object to SB1601 with the -3 amendment. Specifically Sections 16 through 22 that diverts funding away from transportation alternatives to support a broken transportation system. These funds were collected and allocated specifically to support alternative transit systems for the third of Oregonians that don't drive. Performing this act is tantamount to theft of the public's wealth and a betrayal of our trust that our legislature will uphold the laws. If the legislature needs to pay for ODOT's projects and infrastructure then they should raise the revenue to do so. If they can't raise the revenue because the public has made it clear that they don't think that's worth it, the answer is not to steal from elsewhere. The answer is to restructure ODOT's operations to exist within the funds the public has allocated it. Perhaps now is the time to finally reckon with the unsustainable nature of our inter city highway system and to start building a more economic and sustainable alternative.

Do not pass this measure. It is theft and public goods and a betrayal of the public's trust.