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We must oppose any cuts to programs that serve non-drivers who already face extensive challenges in getting around their communities safely and accessibility. We must oppose these cuts on social justice grounds, on climate grounds, and on common sense fairness grounds. Forcing more people to drive by cutting transit and biking programs is a disaster for low income families and our community as a whole. And, of course, it's places disabled community members in an impossible situation, robbing them of mobility and independence. I sympathize with the need for ODOT to balance its budget and preserve jobs, but these cuts will do little to help that long term while causing profound damage to our communities immediately.