

**TRANSPORTATION NEEDS AND ISSUES  
SURVEY**

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**NARRATIVE RESPONSES TO OPEN-ENDED  
QUESTIONS**



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Identical answers are noted in bold italics.*

**SAFETY**

**(What about / How satisfied are you with) safety features on major Oregon highways [such as, guardrails, hazard signs, lighting, warning signs, pavement stripes, shoulder width, and fog lines?]**

**PROBE: Are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, not very satisfied, or not at all satisfied?**

**IF 4 NOT VERY SATISFIED→**

**SAFETYA**

**Why are you not at all satisfied [with safety features on major Oregon highways]?**

**PROBE: Do you see systematic safety problems on Oregon highways?**

**OPEN-ENDED, TYPE EXACT RESPONSE BELOW**

As we get older it's really hard to see. When we drive at night it is really hard to see the outside white lines. They need to be more clear and definite outside; and also the middle lines, I don't drive at night because of that. Because there are several highways without guardrails, the lines disappear on the major highways. Make the lines more visible.

Because you cannot see the stripes on the highways when it is dark, especially when it is raining.

Because they are not designed for wet weather, and if they are, they are so poorly maintained that they don't work.

Closer to populated centers lighting is fine and guardrails. But in outlying area, the conditions for animals and people pulling off the roads are somewhat dangerous.

Fog lines bad at night especially when raining, very dangerous.

Guard rails--more on corners.

Highway 234 out of Gold Hill is very dangerous. There is no shoulder. The highway is so narrow. If you get a flat tire you are in dangerous trouble. Log trucks run on and it's a scenic road as well. The intersection at Table Rock and Biddle between Medford and Central Point only allows one vehicle through at a time. Table Rock has become industrial and there are a lot of big trucks. I have seen a wreck every week.

I do believe that especially here in Klamath Count, where our road goes around the lake we don't have guardrails.

I don't take them so I don't have opinion.

I don't think they have enough safety barriers. No, and I don't think they, I'm glad they don't use salt on the roads like other states it just destroys your car in the snow.

I drive a truck and they don't give enough warning for things in this state especially for a big truck.

I grew up in Washington State and it seems like Washington State to me, here in Bend the fog lines are really light and when they are doing construction work I feel like their signs are not posted well. (P) Like it's not very organized to me, because generally in Washington you'd know a mile before the construction sit. They'd make you very aware and I don't see that here. And it seems like there's places where there should be guardrails and there's not, places that aren't very safe (P) like going out to the Prineville Reservoir.

I live out here on highway 30 and there seems to be a lot of accidents. I blame the people themselves that they don't watch what they are doing. I don't believe you should be talking on the cell phone when you are driving.

I see problems on 22, on the Fort Hill corridor and the 18/22 junction. They've fixed that. As far as fog lines go, I don't think they fixed that as well as they should.

I think it is a crying shame and they decide to cut a road off someplace that somebody's has always used. They cut the road off and put these stupid concrete things so that you cannot turn into the street or get onto the street if you are coming off of the Washburn exit. Safety-wise, this was a bad choice. People are pulling into the spot where the concrete blocks stop past Altamonte and making U-turns, which is not safe.

I think they need more light around the mountains; think it's too dark.

In the area of Klamath Falls at Doak Mountain, there is a need for guardrails--highway or county road 140.

It's, it just doesn't seem to blend itself very well it's very confusing going from one lane to two and back again. They don't finish jobs because they don't have money to finish.

It's like an almost--I don't like where you have to pull off if you have an emergency. You get stranded at a gas station or on the highway.

I've driven through this gorge for almost thirty years and at night they don't have proper markers. You can get lost in the fog.

Most of the county where I live, are pretty neglected. (P) There is a lot of mountainous driving with no shoulder and no guardrails. You're gone if you make a mistake.

Not consistent throughout Oregon; confusing; no shoulders on some roads.

On highway '97 there is a huge pothole, half-foot deep, right Fall River turn-off.

One of my biggest problems and it is a monster problem, and one of my pet peeves, lack of reflective lines on hwy's.

Outside of Madras, the stretch of road and the turn off to Antelope, it says it's okay to pass but you can't see.

Safety features should be for the human being. I'm a cop and I say get rid of the speeders on the highway. They need to be punished more in court. I don't know why people need to drive so fast and endangering people's lives.

The centerline dividers don't show up. They get washed out in the winter months in certain parts of the state. In other states, they have blue reflective stuff to show the edge of the road.

The centerline is terrible where ever they don't reflector dots you can't see the line when it's foggy or raining between Medford and Grants Pass, and going to Ashland when you are coming from the south.

The exact comment is somewhat unsatisfied because of the roads are deteriorated, in some areas very badly; rough roads. They don't identify rough roads for the next ten miles. The hazards are not identified before hand in call cases.

The lines are hard to see on the highways especially when it rains.

The new parkway in Deschutes County is designed poorly, open freeway that approaches stop sign; no flashing lights to warn approaching traffic, leading to fatalities. Landscaping not maintained.

The safety features--oh my goodness! The lines are so badly painted you can't see the road and when they are painted, sometimes it looks like the road is supposed to turn off and it is not. It is supposed to go straight. And the construction that's going on, they are not marking anything. It is so unsafe at nighttime. There's places that you cannot see the road where they are working, especially here in Ashland. Coming from Medford, we take 19 off; it goes through Ashland, and we live just off exit 14. The freeway is dangerous.

The visibility at night you can't see them at all for night. I live near Astoria and even going to Portland we need the fog lines.

There are too many roads that do not have the reflective striping on the roads and on the middle of the road.

There's a lack of safety features in reference to construction. There's a lack of appropriate signs before construction areas. There's not adequate distance from signs to the start of construction. They don't have adequate detours (P) between milepost 17 and milepost 19 in the Ashland area. (P) Interstate 5, they've had repeated accidents. (P) No appropriate detours; the only way to detour was downtown Ashland and there was construction there also. There was no way to get around it; they didn't coordinate it very well.

There's not enough of them.

They don't put in roadside barriers. I've found signing to be a bad experience.

They don't put up enough road reflectors on the road. In the wintertime when it's rainin' you can't see where you are on the road, and they're spendin' a lot of money on new guardrails when the old ones are still okay. They're not spending money very efficiently in my opinion.

They should come up with a more advanced method, and should try to make a point of studying ways to make alterations to the methods they use instead of using the same things over and over that don't work.

Think they precautions that needs to be taken...intersections aren't marked visibly.

Well because it is not very visible, and in places I feel there should be a guardrail there and it's not. That's it. The road the pavement where you got the white line, that's not visible in a lot of places.

Well I believe that in some of these passes we need guard rails, especially the Santiam. It has some but not enough, not satisfied with lane widths.

**EMPOPT6**

**Does your employer offer anything else to help to reduce travel and traffic congestion?**

**IF 1 YES→**

**EMPOPT6A**

**What is that?**

**PROBE: What else does your employer offer to reduce travel and traffic congestion?**

**OPEN-ENDED, TYPE EXACT RESPONSE BELOW**

A paid vehicle to drive to work.

Bike cages.

Bonuses, free giveaways, gift certificates, Tri-met, bike shops--This is AT&T.

Carpooling for the group to the job-site.

Dial-a-ride.

He supplies the vehicle for you and lets everyone use it for work.

Horse, really; there's a lot of horseback here on the ranch.

I am self-employed; work at home.

I drive my girlfriend to the airport who works for United.

I work for Saint Charles hospital they offer commute options for anyone who carools, bikes, or walks they give away prizes and stuff. They actually have someone working fulltime for commute options I actually thought you were calling from commute options. (P) The program has won prizes in the state.

If I have to go out of town to Seattle they support me using mass transit, they prefer to pay for Amtrak ticket than my car. That is cultural in the office we all support mass transit.

I'm going to move and will set my schedule so that I will have limited travel days.

Incentives for bicycling.

Incentives if you do it 8 weeks, you don't have to do it all year long, and its bus passes and gift certificates to Fred Meyer.

More hours for me to work, I work on a farm/nursery.

My boss is Cultural Resource, and we all meet at the office and then from there we go out to the work site on one rig.

Offer car share plan; car owned by car share program and you pay \$50 to use; brand new program.

Shuttle bus.

Shuttle from the Max station.

Sometimes we can adjust our schedules to carpool.

Tele-commuting.

The company car.

The offer a state vehicle.

They buy gas now and then.

They encourage bike rides they have a place to park for bicycles.

They have a bike cage for those who ride bikes.

They have free parking for motorcycles.

They have program that puts the amount of money you spend on parking into an account--it's a tax savings thing. Your not paying taxes on that money. And they when you pay your parking; it comes out of that account.

They have programs for carpoolers where they award prizes.

They have their own bus system that takes you to the Max station.

They in-house training.

They let me set my own hours. I should be a little honest. I am self-employed.

They let you use their vehicle.

They works at us on carpooling normally we don't do anything though.

Van pool.

We ride a lot of horses.

We try to, if we are going to town to shop or anything like that we call relatives or friends to see if we can pick up anything for them, we will call seniors to see if we can pick up anything for them to eliminate multiple trips.

Yeah, we could bring the truck home I think. (P) Log truck, just bring the log truck home (P) early in the morning and afternoons.

## NEWSERVB

Which of the following would you like to have available to you for travel information?

IF 7 OTHER, SPECIFY →

A local TV channel.

AAA.

An 800 # if you can talk to a real person.

Call boxes along the road directed to 911 so if you had an emergency you could get help.

Cell phone dial up.

Currently call the highway department, locally, to get information and satisfied with that system.

Dish TV.

Doesn't drive, lets others decide this.

E-mail alert for local hazards.

Have the numbers more readily available as you are traveling such as the signs that say tune to station such and such in Portland as you are driving through the city.

I don't need any of these suggestions!

I don't know how to answer that because I don't do any traveling anymore.

I don't know my husband verifies.

I don't know.

I look to my own eyes to tell me.

I was thinking about cable channels, that has laws from booklet about Oregon laws.

I'm not sure--I don't mind an 800 number or a transmission by radio. I'm just not sure.

It is better to use the private sector to dispense as much information as possible so that ODOT doesn't have to pay money for this. Web site is good because it doesn't cost much money for ODOT to do that; radio news and stuff is often free, so that's good too.

Just a regular TV channel.

Local TV channels.

Local TV channel.

Maybe keep working on the new technology with the palm pilots and cell phones similar to what they do now with the radio broadcasts.

Maybe something on the web combining all the information like traffic congestion weather road conditions like if it is icy.

Network TV, not cable--that assumes that everyone gets cable. Newspaper is another good source of information.

Newspaper with road conditions.

Newspaper. (2 answers)

Newspaper for work closures.

Newspaper or local TV.

Newspaper, gas station for weather conditions.

No, for everything that is just spending taxpayer money on needless bullshit. Yep, if they didn't drive so much and carpool more there would not be any congestion and therefore no need to have travel information available. Traffic is going to stay the same when you travel to work so you don't need traffic information.

Non-cable TV.

Non-cable TV (we don't have cable out here).

None. (3 answers)

None of the above--we got along without any of them for a long time, just like cell phones.

None of these answers apply to me.

On reader boards on mountain passes, a temperature gauge is a good idea.

Oregon state police phone number about traffic conditions.

Oregonian inside traffic line, service of newspaper.

Regular TV channels.

Satellite local TV channel.

Satellite, or local TV.

Talking friends and relatives who have traveled there recently.

This may sound sci-fi but a device that is like a small digital radio or watch that would receive, display and speak the information. This would cost about \$1.25 tops if massed produced.

TV station dish access, not cable.

Use triple A [AAA].

Using public radio is free.

Vision impaired.

We have a satellite system no cable available.

When they are going to be doing construction they should let the local people know.

Why don't they get busy and improve our highway systems. How much money does the federal government get and how much do we receive back.

Word of mouth - truckers tell each other.

Would like even Portland channels or our own local TV station would be nice, but they want allow us.

You should be able to have a free line to the state police.

## ENDING1

**That is the end of the survey. On behalf of the Oregon Department of Transportation, we thank you sincerely for your time and opinions on these questions. Is there anything else you would like to add?**

**OPEN-ENDED, TYPE EXACT RESPONSE BELOW**

*Note: 388 answers similar to those in the first paragraph were removed to save space. Any with additional substance were preserved.*

No/ Nope/ Uh, no/ Nothing/ No, I can't think of any/ No, I don't think so/ No, but you're very welcome/ No, I guess not/ No, I think that'll do it/ No, I think we covered everything/ No, I'm good to go/ No, not really / No, ma'am/ No, sir/ No, no comments/ No, not at this time/ No, not that I can think of/ No, nothing at all/ No, nothing I can think of off hand/ No, that will be all/ No, that'll do it/ No, that's all right / No, that's all/ No, that's fine/ No, that's it/ No, that's okay/ No, there isn't/ No, this is fine/ No, thank you/ No, thanks. Everything has been fine/ No, thanks for calling/ No, think just about does it, thank you/ No, you have a good evening/ No, you're welcome/ Nope, that's it thank you/ Nope, I am fine/ Not at all/ Not right now/ Not really/ Not that I can think of/ Not that I can think of now/ I can't think of anything else/ No. Have a Merry Christmas/ You covered just about everything/ That is it, goodbye.

126 needs work. (P) You're not calling me back?

99E-highway getting busy and people drive too fast; speed zone not observed on this highway by the drivers.

About the barriers and people get lost. (P) Blind people especially get lost down there at Jefferson and Washington, where there is one side where there is no barriers, walking on eighth going to city transit mall and bus station. I guess those bridges, where you have to jog around those barriers, not jog but zigzag. Yea, put on Scott St.; right before you get to Scott, as you are going toward Caroles St., there is a gravel path there that is always full of water and they should put a sidewalk there, from the pacific cascades credit union building.

About the bypass for Redmond Oregon, it is in the works but in my opinion they are doing it wrong. They are trying to end it at Highland Avenue but it should go another couple of miles further south and hook and up with yew Ave. And in Redmond they are trying to start a one-way grid from east and west from Highland, and I think Glacier Street, and I think this is a great mistake because too many businesses and homes will not have proper access. The bypass should not end downtown. This is a temporary fix only and not a good one.

About the white lines on the outside of the road would be good. I would really vote for the reflector lights in the lines.

According to what I understand if there is a requirement for bike paths for so many roads, if we have complied with that we have enough paths. If you look at the Far East and that is not our culture, that is a tough thing to force our culture to do that. You say there are gonna be bike only on a bridge that is not gonna work. I have seen the bike paths go into our community and the use is not much and the cost is not worth. We need not to favor the little splinter groups, those who need we have to have the bike paths. That restricts our development.

All in all they are doing a good job.

All the freeways are wore out, you hydroplane going down the highway, I think that's very unsafe in wet weather.

All your passes, Sexton, Siskiyou Pass, I think they need to post when there's ice. People go flyin' up there and hit black ice and there are accidents and get injured, and it's a really bad situation every year. Then on highway 199, ODOT, just south of Hays Hill they just put in four lanes and that's nice but there are no signs warning newcomers that there's a hill, especially north bound. Every winter people get killed up there in part because they don't have any sign warning them that the road ahead has got some hazards different than before.

Are they going for a tax boost or something?

As an ODOT employee I don't think that ODOT workers get the recognition they should. I work extensive overtime to deliver projects. There's a lot of behind the scenes work to keep the highway system working that the public is unaware of.

At the corner of Greensprings Drive and south-side bypass going towards Stewart Lenox the corner is really hard to see at night even if you are going right or left. They need a light, even a yellow flashing light or something or put more white lines. Thank you.

At the intersection of cave highway and 199, near cave junction, where highway 46 intersects 199, when they did improvements on the restaurant on the corner the private contractor put the curb too far out into the roadway without ODOT's approval. Now when someone going west pulls up to the light and is waiting to turn south, this is a left, traffic wishing to turn to the right or north has to wait now until the light turns green. There was an intrusion into the highway by the developer that was not right. It needs to be torn out and done right.

Barriers installed next to coast highways, around winding highways. Take down construction warning signs when the construction is done because it causes traffic jams. The people are trying to move over like the sign says and when they get to the spot, there is no construction. I like to add police officers ought to be more alert to traffic laws when they see them in front of them. People are running red lights and I see police officers not even paying any attention to them. That will be all.

Be better prepared for icy conditions; I feel that they wait too long to take care of the situation.

Better trained people on construction projects directing traffic.

Bike paths are important for rural areas.

Can't think of anything. It would be nice to have access to oh what's the to max, Portland's transportation, but they took the track. Our little town needs a truck route. Carleton is the town.

Cat eyes like they have in Europe--they are great. I lived there for four years and even in the fog you can see them. Certain stretches of highway 26 between Madras and Prineville; for example, there are no shoulders on some stretches. It's narrow and I consider it to be a hazard if you're driving truck or when visibility is restricted due to weather or nighttime driving.

Clean the damn thing up, the roads. Seems like they spend more money on the police than they do on the road and there are always roadblocks on the road. Idaho is worse.

Concern with ruts in the road on highway 97 between Redmond and Bend. The new stuff they are using to keep ice off the road is great, preferable to rock.

Contact LadyBird Johnson at the Wildflower Research Center for flower seeds, cleaner than most states, less liter but just no beauty--needs more beauty. All in all, Oregon does great job on transportation.

Cost effectiveness is what we're talking about. What we have is a bunch of overpaid guys standing around looking at the work instead of doing it. And a bunch of overpaid, do-nothing administrators, sucking up our tax dollars. I will never vote for a tax increase.

Deschutes County needs to improve their road system and transportation system, and their parkway and public transportation as well--there isn't any at all. Those are just what we really need to work on.

Did a good job keeping survey to 10 minutes.

Didn't hear any questions about care of the roads in the winter - where I live they don't do enough.

Donna, you did a good job. You didn't hassle me at all. Could I have your director's name and phone number? When is a good time to reach the director? How can I get the results of the study? Can I request a report? How long will it be before I can find out the results? What is your department? Where is the building at? Is the director on campus? You are on campus? Where?

Dump light rail, dig it up. I feel safe walking or riding a bus when I'm armed with my gun, which is licensed. A way that ODOT can increase funds is to cut the bureaucracy cut the head off the snake. Remove urban growth boundary.

During the budget crunch the government needs to find more creative ways to get fundraising together like in political campaigns why can't they do it for the roads and highways (P) and thank you for allowing me to participate in this survey.

During winter more effort needs to be put into providing reflecting guiders for pathway changes, for when they move the road lane they need to do a way better job of having light and reflective things. (P) I'd be fine with more fuel taxes. They could double the licensing fee instead of \$30 bucks a year or whenever we have to do it. \$50, that'd be ok here in Eugene.

Electronic signs need to be placed in more strategic places and more clear about road detours when giving instructions because often we get to our regular route only to see it is closed--too late.

Expand these roads with current presently employed people that were employed when these roads and highways were built. Travelling 26 is a nightmare. Everybody complains about southern cal and the traffic congestion there, but southern cal has resolved a lot of their congestion problems by using car-pooling. We need phones, emergency phones along the highway. That is not included in our budget. Also cars are more efficient for travelling, carpools is the way to go, not mass transit.

First of all, I'd do something about the buses for the kids, the school buses, on the corner. I have here a bus pick up for the kids. I see the buses, humongous and I only see a few kids on bus. I see that all over town. How well is that money spent? Who pays for it? We do. And the light on the street is a disgrace that a town like Klamath Falls has no lights on the street. It gets dark and you can hardly see because there are no lights on streets. Don't spend all the money on war and let the people have some.

Fix the "blankety-blank" roads.

Fix the potholes on highway 20!

Fix the roads around here.

Get rid of red cinder when snow and icy; it causes a lot of health damage and damage to vehicles, very dirty. Please use an alternative, perhaps salt or chemicals, more roads.

Get rid of the spray that they're using on the roads. That defrost spray; it's bad. (P) It's hard on rigs. It doesn't really work that well, when it freezes it's still slick. People with fog lights--they should outlaw it (P) because they blind ya'.

Get rid of the state motor pool. I don't understand why you meet so many state department employees, one person, one rig. Can't they pool those? Get rid of those, make them use their own rigs and then pay them for the mileage that they drive. That would still be cheaper than buying state cars, and it will probably happen sooner instead of later because the state is running out of money.

Get the bridge construction over with, Medford area.

Gosh this is my chance. I want to see less cars out there and less dependence on petroleum products. I'd like to see more bio-diesel systems promoted. My car runs on bio-diesel. I want the system to change in that direction. I bicycle around town most of the time. I drive my car once a week. There are too many cars on the road. My trip about supporting less congestion is to get ODOT to support more mass transit so there are less cars on the road and therefore less congestion.

Highway 97--the way the state is configured--the only other major highway besides 84 and 5--is 97. On the eastside there is nothing but a two-land road. Central Oregon is growing by leaps and bounds and we have a second rate

highway. We have lots of trucks that run on a two-lane highway. Highway 97 is a death trap, particularly from Bend to Klamath Falls.

Highway maintenance in rural areas is taking a back seat to the urban areas and it's caught up with 'em and it needs to be addressed. I live on highway 18, the busiest highway in the state, and it needs to be placed at the top of the list with reference to traffic flow improvements, which would directly correlate to safety issue. I believe the designated expressway from the Van Duser corridor to Dayton is unnecessary as well.

I am a slave to the man and you can write down that I am going to make a vodka on the rocks.

I am amazed at the improvements in Umatilla County, but hope that they don't slack off because they are needed improvements.

I am disappointed. I think we need to tighten up drunk drivers. I see many kids killed every year. I have a big passion for senior citizens. I would like to see the services to them something we provide more and more and emphasize.

I am not sure if I would use the information centers at the rest areas, based on the lack of information of what they would have there.

I being considerate because I did this phone work for 16 years, you can be heard and not seen as a child and seen and not heard as a senior. I was just giving you a little humor there, if you have to do this all night you need a little humor.

I can think of one thing I am adamant about - we have state laws that are not being obeyed - feel it's important to cut down on peoples cutting in and out of traffic on the freeway. They need to cut down. No one goes 65 on the freeway they go 85.

I can't think of anything, I appreciate the opportunity to voice my opinion and that that might effect something.

I can't think of it. The congestion here in Klamath Falls is really bad. Well they need to modernize it up. Well lets see, they are talking about making a by pass around it so maybe that would make it easier. I think that's all my husband is doing miraculously, he has had a really good recovery.

I don't believe so.

I don't believe we should be paying for bike paths with our gas taxes because the bikers don't pay the taxes, so they get everything for free. There are laws and regulations for bikes but the cyclists never obey them. They ride in the middle of the road, not on the paths. I would be for more bike paths if there was some way to collect road taxes from the cyclists.

I don't feel qualified to answer many of these questions. I guess I need to more about this.

I don't know if it is ODOT to do this, but I think it is time for us to consider a state income tax. I think people might pass it now. If our education goes so does our country.

I don't know. How is this going to be used?

I don't think my opinions are valid because I don't travel much.

I don't think the ODOT--we've just gone through an interchange redesign and study. I think there were suggestions from the public that ODOT doesn't listen to the public. To move the south interchange about quarter mile is ridiculous. They could use an off ramp before it goes through a viaduct. That ODOT wouldn't listen to these kinds of suggestions is wrong.

I familiar with ODOT's work here in Grant County and they do a good job. I don't know about the rest.

I feel like ODOT, like every state agency, should find a way to say within their budget, without raising taxes.

I guess I am concerned being from smaller town that the money is not overly spent on the Portland metropolitan area.

I guess I think I am pleased ODOT in trying to detour the truck traffic from Redmond but they are making it more expensive than it needs to be buying out the private property. If they went through BLM land just a mile more from where it's sited, it would be less costly. I worked with Bruce Warner in Washington County and there was much better local transit. I would like to have more public transit here. It was very pedestrian friendly there and I think we sometimes forget pedestrians needs.

I guess it's that thing about two counties, Marion I live in a very easy accessible transportation area. In Tillamook County, I live in a more rural area where public transportation is not easy to get to. I think that's harder for older people to get to.

I have a commercial driver's license and the road conditions are good. And I just want to let them know that.

I have had to work with because I work for the post office road closures and all and they have been very good.

I have one thing I'd like to say, clearing the roads of snow and ice they do a really poor job, they do real good on the freeways but on rural roads they don't do squat--that's it.

I have some doubts about all this surveying and then in a couple of years they're going to do all this work and then all of a sudden they have to re-survey. Seems like a waste of time. Well, I'm just basing this on where I live. They did a big paving job a few years ago and it was so rough. They went ahead and let this paving company pass it, should never have been allowed. This is the only highway we have, ended up being rougher than old highway.

I hope the Ducks beat the s\*\*t out of the Beavers this weekend.

I just got back from six weeks down in Arizona and Oregon's highways are better.

I just hope you don't the bypass goes right by where I work, And are concerned about accessibility to the plant.

I just I hope I haven't confused you because I do live in a rural area.

I just think that ODOT is doing a very good job and I am a certified flagger for the state so I am on the road quite a bit.

I just think that the people who drive vehicles that put the most wear on the road should pay the most taxes. For example, I drive a Toyota Prius and am taxed the same as the farm vehicles. I don't feel that is very right. I don't

like to be subsidizing other people's misuse and we do have only one car and do take the bus. It is just a small amount of money, but in principle I don't feel it is right.

I just want to say, overall in the past four years ODOT has done a lot improve its image.

I just wish they would fix the grooves in the road a little better, when it gets really icy here they do sand it but the grooves are really deep and it makes it really hard to drive. The money is misused by ODOT. They spend a lot of money on beautifying the roads, which doesn't save lives.

I like Amtrak, so I would hope the representatives would preserve Amtrak. And that's about it.

I like to make a comment about the bridges, about the grates on the highway--you slide on them. When they get wet on the highway you slide.

I like to see them asking more relevant. My issue rapid transportation we don't have it in Grants Pass. Why don't we have it as well? It gets pretty thin on what's been offered by the county.

I live in town where there is no bus service at all the elderly people don't have anyway to get around in the winter. This is a small area and it would be very easy to do provide a bus for them.

I realize we have funding problems in ODOT and human services and education. We are going to have problems with all these issues until we deal with the funding problems.

I really enjoyed the Amtrak. It was well used by us in La Grande because of the weather conditions. Maybe we'll get it back. My husband says we'll never get it back but it was really convenient to get on the train and go over the mountains. And I miss it but I do think the government subsidy is too much too and I don't understand why it is so much.

I really feel that being we're in an earthquake area, the bridges are not kept up.

I really think that for what they have and what they do, they are doing the best they can.

I really think they are doing a good job, I don't think they should use cold mix, instead of hard-mix - hard-mix works better - from what I have seen anyway.

I see potholes almost everywhere we go and it looks like they've tried to repair them but they are still bumpy. We travel mostly on s42 to coos bay or north Bend, and to Winston, and there are potholes. And when they are mowing the medians, they sometimes get rocks flying and we had a cracked windshield from that.

I think I'd like to say when the roads are snowy, the gravel they put on that has big rocks. They could do a better job of that.

I think in general that the gas taxes should be better used to improve the roads. To me, the percentage does not reflect the roads getting fixed better. And if I understand too, we are the highest in the nation yet they claim the problems with the bridges and things. It is kind of a mystery of why that is.

I think it would be nice to have more train service to Portland with return, European style with clock work, with more timely departures and arrivals and maybe a little more affordable so we can reduce cars on the freeway. I like travel by train and it is somewhat prohibitive here.

I think more upkeep is good but let us know more what is going on. Lately they are working late at night and it bothers me at home. (P) And I think they need a reader board that gives info. About missing children and stuff like that so we can be on the look out and help and they can use it for road conditions too.

I think my only concern in our specific area since we are in a little town is that we are one of the last ones to have our roads get sanded and I think we are just as important as the big towns.

I think not being to pump our own gas is not the way to go I don't think too much of that. Other than that everything is fine.

I think ODOT is doing a real good job and they seem to involve the public in what they're doing. In our area they're building a new bridge and they're doing a good job on that.

I think ODOT is doing a wonderful job with the resources they have now but I am not willing to pay more taxes--love to have public transportation or all cars banned from the city. Serious, I'll ride a bike.

I think one of the issues might be road rage and what causes road rage and the interviewee's experience with other drivers.

I think overall they are doing a good job - I think it's important to keep what we have and not let it deteriorate.

I think that highering taxes is not appropriate. I think the state needs to learn how to balance the budget and their checkbook.

I think that if they have an audit they could find more money than to have to tax us again and tax us more we even make. I am a senior. We have social security and that's all our income.

I think that ODOT um doesn't treat the people that they built a bridge near my place and they made a lot of promises and they didn't keep. They didn't leave me access to some of my property and they didn't reimburse me like they should. They said they would reimburse me and they didn't. When all was said and done, I don't have access to part of my property. That's all.

I think that the issue of the lighting on and off ramps has to be looked at again. In bad weather in the dark or if you're not familiar with the area it can get scary out there.

I think that the trains going through Eugene to Portland could haul cars; load them on the trains and let them off in Portland to save the highways. They do it with piggyback on the railroad with trucks, but I'm talking about, you stay in your car on a flatcar. Trains often time have empty cars, even car-carrying vehicles. That would take a lot of pressure off of highways, off tires, gas and pollution.



I think that, on the country roads, they need to cut back the trees and bushes that block vision. You often have to pull almost into the center of the road to see if anyone is coming--I almost got hit the other day. They also need to clean the ditches to prevent mudslides on the roads.

I think the city bus system needs to be revamped. It is hard for the average person to use it to get to work without having a car at each end.

I think the people who use studded tires should pay more because they really damage the road and that's why our roads are so damaged. I also think the license fee for the car is not enough, it should be based like other states, depending on the age of your car and the size of your car, (P) especially if the weather is mild before April 1st and they still drive with those. (P) The studded tires, they put them on for six months or whatever they are allowed, and they keep them on regardless of the weather, even in the city.

I think the truckers should be charged more money because they're on the roads more with heavy loads. They are the ones breaking down the roads. Maybe restrict them to what roads they can you. That's how they should get more income.

I think their web-site is great their cams are great I use that a lot. (P) I think they do a pretty good job.

I think there are doing a pretty good job. But it is kind of messy in Portland. In Medford it is gonna get like that up there soon we need to address the problems soon (P) The railroad needs more resources they need to build the track up. When you want passenger service you need to put in the good rail. When I worked at White City, we used to put 40-60 cars out but now all the mills have shut down and we aren't putting out hardly anything now.

I think they do a good job with the snow removal and the construction they are friendly. They do a good job.

I think they do a real good job, um I think they do a better job than they use to when they work on the freeways, you use to have to sit on the freeway while they work, and sit there and sit there while they did their work.

I think they ought to do away with studded tires, especially in the cities--no need for them in the cities. Yeah, and some people will complain at not being able to use them here on the eastside. And I know people who have gone from using the alternatives. They are using the stud-less tires--they have to travel quite a ways in ice and snow and would not go back to the other 50 miles each way --waste of resources to have people driving around in state vehicles when it is not snowing and they are not needed.

I think they should have more cameras at intersections because people have this compelling desire to run stoplights.

I think they should not close bridges and lanes of traffic in Portland and make bike paths. We frown on bicycle people. I don't want my taxes to go to make bike paths on the roads. If they want to make them on their private property than that is something else.

I think they, ODOT, do a fairly good job and I don't have anything to add.

I think they're trying to put the blame in the wrong places, they're trying to outlaw studded tires and blame studded tires for tearing up the place when you can go down the road and tell it's the trucks that are doing it, they're allowing too much weight.

I think you do a great job, ban studded tires! All they do is damage the roads. If any one is going to use them, they should pay a 100\$ fee. There should be major fines on tailgating there is just no distance between cars anymore. What ever happened to one car length between cars ever 10 miles an hour? A lot of our traffic is because of Washington drivers--don't use the right lane. The reason why traffic slows down is because Washington drivers don't use the right lane, 84 outbound. There are reader boards but no one uses them.

I think you guys need to shorten your surveys a little.

I think, too much money is being spent in metropolitan Portland areas and not enough in the outlying areas. I think there are more Politicians in metro area and those in outside areas get short end of the stick, like where I live in Woodburn.

I travel all over the state, and am very aware of road conditions. They are much better today than 10 years ago. More shoulders on secondary roads and highways needed, changing a tire is dangerous. Redo the bridges, don't close them, but make do with resources already available--too much waste already of taxpayers' money. Roads in winter get lots of snow and ice; too much rock used, switch to finer rock or sand, as every winter I lose a windshield. [OPIN12] Seatbelt is violation of privacy; more enforcement of slow down in work zones would be great.

I want information about ODOT what they really do? I am really against taking peoples property for their purpose if they want someone's land they should pay the going rate for it. If you are an ex-commissioner you can sell your land to target for lots of money but not if you are just anyone. Everyone who gets lots of money for theirs' had been a commissioner or involved in political work in Albany. There is always connections.

I want ODOT to re look at the opportunity to, don't mind paying gas tax for road use, but if they'd tax the ones who use it the most, like if long-hauler and tearing up roads you should pay more--at least examine who's tearing up roads.

I want the bypass around Dundee so it doesn't take an hour to get home, instead of ten minutes!

I was puzzled by the question on law enforcement because it seems like that isn't ODOT, but I answered that it was important anyway. But if you are asking which is more important, funds for enforcing traffic laws or money to ODOT that would be an interesting question.

I was wondering if anything is being addressed towards the large trucks on highway? Seems to me, they are the ones who wear out the roads most because of the constant travel and large payloads.

I wish Oregon had more money for all kinds things but I'm not in favor of building more highways. The reason I drive is because I, as an 85 year-old woman, cannot carry my groceries on the bus.

I wish they would come up with paint for the lines that doesn't wear off so fast. You can see the lines when they're new, but they start to disappear so quickly, and that's dangerous.

I wish they wouldn't lay off all these highway patrolmen. That's part of ODOT as far as I'm concerned. They maintained the speeds and without that you have reckless endangerment.

I won't vote nor will my husband, on the light rail in Portland or Eugene, or Salem on that side of the mountain that I will never see or use.

I would like to add that the ODOT people do a good job and within their budget, like I say they are limited, you have limited money, and they do they just do a good job within what they have to work with.

I would like to add that they should charge a lot more one for cigarette taxes and do away with some things that aren't necessary in the schools. Quit paying the teacher for music and sports because kids can play sports and don't need the school connected with it. Go back to reading writing and arithmetic. Exercise is important but they can do it without school. Take all the money that we pay on property taxes and pay it to Oregon so that we can have nice smooth highways.

I would like to know where the money goes!

I would like to see more lottery dollars being used.

I would like to see ODOT have more money to expand the highways if were going to continue to rely on cars.

I would like to see people in the state government get fired when they deserve it, like the woman in charge of ODO, when they got the computers and nothing worked. On highway 395 between Hermiston and Stanfield, they want to put a median in there and they need to save money and just take out the suicide lane.

I would like to see some bus service into the rural area. I would use it. I would use the bus service if I did not have to drive 9 miles to the bus stop. No, that's it.

I would say that studded tires do a lot less damage than folks that drive with chains when the chains are not needed in other words they're driving w/chains on bare pavement because they're too lazy to take them off. If they want to do something about wear and tear they should give people who drive with chains on bare pavement a ticket if they want to raise funds for improvements.

I'd like to see more planning on the highway between Stanfield, Oregon and Hermiston, Oregon. They need to put more thought into it.

I'd like to see some way for the roadsides to be cleaner. The volunteer work doesn't seem to be getting it done.

I'd like to see the trucks on the freeways downsized to reduce the cost on repair. Enforce the speed limits more for trucks. Use the National Guard private-interest racetrack to increase funds in Baker County. Also clean air and water is very important.

I've traveled in almost every state, and California and Colorado have these road phones and they would be very important for Oregon. We are in such mountainous area that there should be a way to establish those road phones. Cell phones don't always work. I've got a pretty powerful cell phone but I go over a pass and it goes to hell and doesn't work. I would really push for the road phones. We rolled a truck when 6 1/2 months pregnant and there were no road phones and we were lucky but it was hours before anyone got to us. From personal experience, would like those phones.

If ODOT does construction that cuts off a main artery, they should give clear information about the detour. (P) I-5 and Barnett Road near Medford has this problem.

If the state and county would sell all the heavy equipment they have and bid out the road jobs, they would have more money than they know what to do with.

In each rest area, where there is dumping for motor homes, almost all are locked, that is my pet peeve dumping for RV all locked.

In my opinion Oregon is the most dangerous place to drive a big truck. The reason for that is the lack of two lanes and people taking chance passing you--scary from a 'big truck' point of view. Driving all over the United States this is the rudest place in the entire world. Detroit used to be the rudest but now Oregon wins.

In Portland on the Banfield on I-5 north, the paint is peeling off the overhead freeway structure. It makes you think it's not safe. I know so much money is spent to put an overpass it seems that you could have an architect to have it blend in with the scenery. Our money should go to mass transit more than it is to help with pollution. We need more Amtrak service. It seems to me that when you have a construction project near an exit there isn't enough time to stop the signs warning people and the safety cones should be farther away from.

In regards to bridges and other things we lament not having, if there was a specific list of items or bridges to be considered or prioritized for repairs, I would vote for that. If money in general is wanted, forget it. Would like a list of what needs to be done, complete it, and then go on. Would not vote for new projects that were not specific.

Increase mass transit; reduce bureaucracy and increase percentage of funding going into functional or applicable things; come up with a safety or warning device for every man woman and child; screen law enforcement for psychological issues; eliminate elitism of government employees.

Is there any way they can send this out through the mail? (P) Yes, ma'am.

It is dreadfully dangerous that ODOT is working on so many bridges in one time. This is Douglas County between Roseburg and Canyonville. I really think ODOT has to face the issues of long haul trucking. We need to have a lane just for trucks. I drove down from Corvallis and there were trucks one right after the other. I can see we are going to have a major problem ten years from now.

It seems to me that the department of transportation is trying to do a good job and they try to be apolitical. And I think, we think they do a good job and we appreciate it but the lack of, in our county, in W County, side roads are not marked and that is a definite traffic hazard.

It would be really helpful if the reflectors on the passes that tell temperature would be more frequent. Perhaps they could be put on milepost or snow posts. County roads need more help. I drive a lot, outside of Oregon and inside so I am familiar with roads and road conditions.

It's important that highways are maintained and, as someone who puts 30,000 miles a year outside of as well as in Oregon on her car, I think Oregon does a good job.

It's not so much putting in new roads because you have to maintain the new as well as the old. It's maintaining the old and people learning to get along while they drive, mutual respect for each other. Overall, I think they do a heck of a job. I lived in California until I moved here and Oregon is a great state.

It's very important that ODOT is funded but they're not being efficient with the money they have, and they're not going to get anymore--the new taxes are not going to pass.

Jasper, Lowell Road needs a shoulder for bikers, very dangerous.

Just do the best that they can.

Just good luck it is very important to maintain good public transportation, and I hope they use their resources wisely and keep the environment clean for people and animals. I liked the questions about keeping the air clean and the fish and wildlife because roads effect them too. I also appreciate this survey and the interview. I never do phone surveys, or now I have to say hardly ever do them but you we're very patient and practical, so thank you and happy New Year.

Just have a good evening. You must be exhausted after doing this. Good-bye.

Just keep trying to work on what roads you got and get your bridges fixed up. The rerouting near burns is costing truckers and retailers. They do need to work on those structures but I do believe the overall road conditions are better than ten years ago.

Just keep up the good work.

Just tell them that I think this whole survey is a waste of public money.

Just tell them to do a lot better job of lining the roadways like the interstates, I-84. With the rain, you can't even tell if you are in the middle or side because the lining is so poor. Down the gorge area, the lining is very poor. No, that's it.

Just that an increase in the gas tax is probably a good source of funding and that is where the funding should come from. (P) No.

Just that highway 26 between Portland and government camp is heavily used and not very safe, and I also think that highway 26 between Portland and Hillsboro should be four lanes each way.

Just that I think ODOT needs to focus on using gas taxes and such on traditional purposes and modes of transportation, and not on bicycle paths or statues.

Just that I think they could use the lottery money for more help.

Just that I wish that they could get their head together on the Redmond, Oregon bypasses and couplets. Well they are going to try to make one way streets and what they are doing is ridiculous. Making a bypass in such a downtown city limits, the bypass needs to be put east of where the are planning it. Right, no, just sorry that I am so grumpy about it we have lived here 40 years in this home so we know what some of the needs are then those who are way away from here.

Just that I would like to see one new highway put in this area from Klamath Falls to the coast.

Just that you are a nice lady.

Just the stripes on the roads, because I notice in the winter time the stripes are faded and that is when people need to use those lines the most. No that's it.

Just try to use the resources you have better. I am kind of ticked off about the highway between Salem and Albany. It took them forever and they're still not done. In other states it doesn't take that long. And I hate to say this but I think we should work to get the roads better before we work on landscaping and stuff like that.

Keep up the good work.

Kind of an interesting survey.

Let's see one thing that is most bothersome for me is that there is not enough reflectors or reflective paint identifying the shoulder and dividing the lanes. The places I have seen this, the most is on the highway between Eugene and the coast and interstate 84 on the gorge.

Like I said, about the kidnapping of the little child and they put it up on the billboards all over the state. It was a real good thing to do. It might keep some kids from being abducted. We can keep people on the lookout.

Make sure you put that one question in there, it is a bad question. Well, the environmental question is bogus and does not belong in this type of survey. (P) No.

More bus service.

More streetlights along the highway.

Most of the reason I answered, "somewhat" to questions about expanding roads is because I think the state should change its priorities away from luxury items, and I think highways are a luxury. And put social services on a higher priority. I think the state should put as much resources into social services as they do into roads and transportation.

My big gripe is lack of funding to ODOT and let me think of how to phrase this. This is a problem that needs to be addressed before ODOT can really do its job right.

My husband is a truck driver and I think they do a good job of maintenance for them.

My main concern as a taxpayer regarding money spent on these roads is that it's spent wisely. Highway maintenance is critical but my concern is that administrative costs are too high. Such costs eat up the money that should otherwise be spent on important improvements.

My one comment is that I really want some public transportation in my community of Bend.

Need 205 n/s paved.

Need to incorporate ground glass into their stripping because without that it does not show up especially in fog. And they need to stripe the edges and center divider lines with ground glass. They have a disturbing habit of coming in and re-paving a certain section. And the edges are ragged and go into a soft shoulder and they don't make any marking and you find yourself going off the road. They ought to do something about transportation from Portland down to la through Medford, instead of having to go east of us. Yeah that's the main.

Need to start working on ruts on road; too much hydroplaning. Reduce studded tire. Triple trailer trucks are all over the place. They are not safe.

No, but don't call me again.

No, but I do have this to say I appreciate your concern.

No, but I think it's interesting.

No, but it is sure wonderful to be in Bend; and living in Salem and commuting to Portland was frustrating. When I first started commuting twenty years ago it wasn't bad. But five years ago it was really bad.

No, but it's been fun talking to you.

No, but we made it in 12 minutes.

No, could you get them to raise the speed limit.

No, except that some of the survey questions aren't relevant to transportation and then they get into all these other things, not that it will make different. I went downtown to one of these TV surveys about different program and then they start to sell different products. Except that I think Oregon has a good transportation and system and that they need to get money from somewhere. I am not a 'business' person, and I don't know and everyone wants something but are not willing to pay for it.

No, except that we had a paving project in Pendleton. They were paving state roads. There was no exit getting out of Pendleton. We were waiting for a half-hour to an hour. There was no reason for this.

No, good luck with your interviews!

No, I appreciate you guys doing it.

No, I can't emphasize enough that I run 48 states in Oregon and Oregon is the best, Tennessee is good but most of the roads in Oregon are pretty good--definitely in the top five for the nation. My microwave tray always bumps out in other states because their roads are bumpy but never in Oregon.

No, I don't believe so. Closing a bridge is really a pain because we went through that in my town this summer. We had to go ten miles around. Do realize that bridges are getting old and rickety? Costs a lot of money to fix them. I do realize that if we have an earthquake of any magnitude we could have real problems.

No, I don't think so. We live in a small town so we don't have us service or traffic congestion. I just have a few minutes before my appointment, thank you.

No, I have some private opinions because we used to volunteer in the state parks, but I'll keep them to myself, they do a good job.

No, I just am really pleased with the condition of the roads and it's money well spent. No.

No, I just appreciate every thing they are doing. The important thing is the safety.

No, I just feel sorry for the boys when they have to work out on the road in the rain.

No, I just like to point out that you are about the fifth person to call here about this survey. I asked them not to call. You'd think if we don't want to do it, they wouldn't call back.

No, I just need to get back to baking my cookies.

No, I just want to say that Oregon is beautiful, and I think ODOT does a good job for the amount of money they have to work with.

No, I just wish that they would do something about neighborhood streets like speed, you know the way people drive. I live between Denver and interstate, and they're putting in light rail and we need some protection at the intersection so we don't have a collision. They need to do something about that. We need to have some "no parking" signs and that yellow curb repainted.

No, I just, I think people should let get done what should be done for the safety of everybody, and if that means a little higher taxes than that should be it. People need to drive feeling safe without having to worry about landslides and such things like that. If everybody is pitching in it won't come to much money and it benefits everybody.

No, I think I got my pet peeve out.

No, I think it's just a matter of waiting to see what happens here in Oregon.

No, I think ODOT is doing as good a job as they can with what they have.

No, I think ODOT's a pain so I'll say no.

No, I think that most of problems here compared to where I used to live, and in Michigan studded tires are outlawed, and the roads are not grooved.

No, I think that's all. I think basic ally a good job is being done. We have big problems on i5 in Medford, starting on Monday. It's going to be difficult!

No, I think there doing a good job.

No, I think they're doing the best job they can with what they have to work with. I think ODOT is doing the best job they can, based upon the resources presently available.

No, I think you have been covering all. I am opposed on the tax on the vehicle but I support tax on gasoline.

No, I want to add absolutely do something about the I-5 /205 congestion it's horrible.

No, I've worked with ODOT in the past. Generally if you work one on one, with you they are willing to negotiate with you. Sometimes they need to be reminded they work with the public. They need to be a little more flexible in their decision-making process. They need to build consensus so that what we end up with what people will expect instead of just dictating response. I can give you an example. We are in the process of determining a stop light on the bypass, or close the road, they don't want to everyone felt they should put in a stoplight.

No, it's just that I'm not going to get another call back on this now, am I? Okay.

No, just "stay safe" for the holidays.

No, just don't charge me any more taxes for cryin' out loud.

No, just get more funds there so you can do the job at hand.

No, just how do you put up with this.

No, just more bike trails.

No, just that deal with the highway reflectors in the Columbia Gorge, I want to underline that.

No, just that ODOT is doing a really fine public relations job informing people about when they are doing construction work.

No, just wish they had fixed our highway over here on Alameda. It's got those grooves in it when I drive on it. It makes it rock back and forth.

No, like I said they are doing the best they can with the best they have.

No, like I said, I have always loved Oregon better than any other state.

No, more taxes, the whole ODOT department needs to be restructured and budgeted, and streamlined.

No, not exactly but I think that, you know, what I'm worried about is, it won't effect me at all is what will happen to the whole world. I pray peace everyday. I just don't want to see that bad stuff happen to my kids. I worry about all you young people and what is going to happen to all of you. I have some nieces and nephews and they are doctors and they have good prospects. And I don't understand why the world has so much hatred these days. Why do the Israelis and Palestinians keep fighting, why do we fight Iraq?

No, not other than I think that ODOT spends there money foolishly. And I can say this because I work for ODOT. I believe they are not giving the maintenance the money and the manpower to do their job. We keep getting, our budget keeps going down but the office keeps getting bigger and bigger.

No, not really. I'd like to know how come there's no service from the Medford airport to the San Francisco airport or the Bay area, instead of having to go to Portland.

No, only I wish they could get the PERS thing straightened out. That's gonna cost people a lot of money.

No, only where are you located? Oh, what kind of weather are you having? It's sunny here.

No, other than I hope I didn't screw up your survey given that I'm no longer a driver at this time. My main concern is traffic congestion. There's a real need to improve not only interstates but some focus on the outer cities' roads. Country roads need attention because the traffic is getting more and more.

No, tell them your doing a good job! You need a raise!

No, thank you and please take my name off your list.

No, that's it, I appreciate you calling me back.

No, the road constructions are lumped together. For example, in our community we had three bridges that we being repaired all at one time so it backed up traffic for miles.

No, there's nothing. I just thank you for taking the time to call.

No, they're doing the best they can with the resources they have.

No, they've been pushing bridges repairs. Well you know it is on the media but ODOT has been putting the information out.

No, we are just having a nice time, no complaints.

No, who are you? Is that in Portland? Oh thanks.

No, you did a good job.

No. Hopefully they can keep up with the roads with the available money, which I don't think they. Costs of everything just keep going up, up, up and there is a lot that needs to be done both on the city streets and highways.

No. I know people who work for ODOT, I think they work pretty hard.

No. I'm just sorry it's such a financial mess.

No. The only thing I would like to add, we drive by work crews. They are standing talking with each other rather than doing the work on the highway that they are supposed to do.

No. You guys won't be calling me back will you?

Not a thing, hey, snow removal--tell to do a better job.

Not really, I don't like my taxes raised.

Not really, I think they are doing the best they can with the funds they have available, keeping the road conditions. By keeping it open so I can get to work and my kids safe.

Not really, my complaint is that the questions are not focused enough, you did a good job, but that is the nature of the survey.

Not really, pretty thorough for your purposes, I pop my opinions in on local politicians when I need to.

Nothing that I can think of other than better coordination of multiple projects in small towns like Umatilla. And like I said, a little more attention to following state laws on state vehicles like the studded tire situation.

ODOT is doing a pretty good job compared to other states, but think y'all need to learn to stay with your budget instead of adding more taxes.

ODOT, I think you are doing just as good as you can with what you have, and Thank you for the care you are taking in doing this survey. It has been nice talking with you.

Oh, I don't think I have anything to add to it.

Oh, I think that they've tried to save some money by removing some lighting and I think they've gone too far in some areas. Okay, I am concerned about efficiency, which is one reason I am reluctant to support new taxes; don't think our government is doing a good job with resources they have.

Okay, I've enjoyed talk with you, interviewer.

Okay, let's see, it would be wonderful to have a commuter line between Grants Pass, Ashland--Amtrak run along the I-5 corridor. One more thing--great to resurface I-5 between Medford and the first Ashland exit.

Okay, yeah, your survey looks like it has some goal in your mind in your survey. It looks like you want to spend more money on the road improvement. (P) No.

On my question about safety on the public buses, it's the people on the bus that I don't trust, not the buses. I don't think anyone is doing a bad job.

On Rex Hill I wish they would whiten those lines better. I think there would be a lot of head-on collisions and they just put a new light out there. Then there is that sign that you can't read in the morning. When it's dark you can't see the lanes and you are relying on your right side see the hill to get up and over it. Then the new light has a sign before the light; it's too dark to see so they need to put a lot of white around the sign and letters on the sign. In California you can always see where the next exit is but here you can't see right.

On the interstates we need to have a dedicated truck lane, and my reasoning behind this is the trucks do more damage than the cars and we have to make all of the lanes accommodate truck traffic.

On the whole I really do think they are doing a fine job.

One of my opinions is, they do a lot of road construction in the cities but the rural areas are the last to get the work done. I see Oregon and Idaho both guilty of that. Construction recently done in the area has limited visibility, causing drivers to enter crosswalks to see clearly, a waste of \$800,000. New bicycle lanes caused streets to be narrowed--an accident waiting to happen.

One thing I noticed when I drive in rainy and foggy conditions, I think that the lines painted in the road and reflective dots should be more maintained better, or painted more often or something. No, that's the most part that's the only problem I've got.

One thing, do you know where the studded law came from? (P) Here in Klamath there are inch deep ruts on some roads. When you fall into them your car sways and that is purely from studded tired. They have outlawed them in North Dakota because of this and they actually cause more accidents because people drive faster. Turning at intersections, I've witnesses many accidents at the same intersection and it is caused by wrong lanes turns. They turn left into the wrong lane. Shasta Way and the bypass is where I've seen this problem.

Only that I have worked temp for ODOT a few years back and enjoyed my job immensely.

Only that when they do make changes they should make them noticeable, or that people can be aware of them, now they city bus, now they don't, sometimes they let you know, especially, miles and miles you can go and not know where you are.

Oregon does a good job with public transportation and really deserves a feather in her cap. The only thing I would say is that Oregon needs to do something about trucks travelling so fast.

Oregon should be happy with what they've got. We don't have a lot of litter. The roads here are very superior to California's. Our city has a public bus that goes to Salem maybe Monday or Thursday. They suspended that a year ago. I worry about older folks. Seems like they could earn money on bus service.

People change their babies and throw their damn diapers on the freeway. You see them throwing cigarettes and litter. They don't care; they stop and piddle on the side of the roads. I was always so proud of Oregon highways--they were so beautiful. Tell them to go get that lottery money and help transportation and schools. Nah, that's about it. Sometimes you have to say what's on your mind and not be hated for it. (P) Yeah.

Please put up merging traffic lights/signs. Deal with the dangerous on-ramps to the 205 bridge northbound on the south of the Willamette River. Raising registration fees sounds like a good idea for increasing funds for projects.

Please take my name off of your list.

Porn, we need a tax on it. More porn is sold in Oregon than any other state and we need a tax on it. ODOT should enforce speed restriction laws as well as limit laws, I understand that in Oregon you are required to do the posted speed limit, but when ODOT has not raised the posted speed limit, people should not be ticketed for going as fast as the limit should be. Because Oregon passed the laws a couple years ago to raise speed limits and ODOT said screw you and didn't. Logging roads should be maintained by logging companies. Christ we are still ....

Potholes!

Recently being on many state roads on our way to Missouri, Oregon has the best roads.

Right now I can't even remember what we talked about.

Right, I would like, because this happened yesterday, I would like to see more state police troopers patrolling the highways and freeways.

Should have signs that tell you what radio stations to turn to like on I82 in Washington between Ellingsberg and Yakima. They tell you if the pass is closed.

Snow removal needs improving.

Some of the questions were income questions and I think everybody should pay to support, not just some people. Two major problems with Oregon roads are ruts are terrible and dangerous and being able to see the lines, the road. When there are state levies or bonds, the voter pamphlets are confusing, often lying, and unclear and often have negative effects, hurting the passage of the bonds. Sometimes they are twisted and when people think that they will vote no anyway. I think it very important to improve city streets; a lot of cities need help but.

Something important that ODOT has to do is to have a flexible reasonable policy for example in eastern Oregon studded tires is something they have to consider making allowances for it, having a later taking off date and an earlier starting date.

Sometimes they over do it on the storms things - that is, when there is a storm the news treats it like it was the end of the world. State and federal government should be held to a higher standard of accountability to the funds that's appropriated to them, higher taxes is not the way, when they mismanage funds, also road workers should work more during the night.

Surprised they asked about the fish and wildlife.

Take care of what we got. Use the funds as wisely as possible.

Teach car seats classes and I appreciate ODOT's pamphlets.

Tell people to quit building apartments. I don't think that ODOT has anything to do with that, but it is a problem.

Tell them that I grumbly did this for you--you guys have made a nuisance of yourself in how you do these silly things!

That I think that our taxes should be used for every citizen in Oregon they have a right thought their taxes for public transportation, especially the elderly and single woman who have children. My concern about the bridges, the more money you give them the more that they should apply it to where it is needed the most. We don't need bicycle paths, we need bridges repaired, the bridges are not going to get fixed in one year. It is very important to me, because it will only take one car to go over a bridge. When you go over a bridge you hold your breath.

The bike lanes in Portland in the city needed improvements, the light-rail is excellent but not enough parking, if more parking more people would use it. Ross Island bridge access needs improvements; it's very dangerous.

The bridge from Hood River to Washington, across from the Columbia River is horrible and dangerous. Something must be done about it.

The bus services for elderly in this county suck. If you have public transportation, and you are allowed to use it only one or two days a week. I don't consider that public transportation. I have clients that are on dirt roads, not well maintained, and the bus will only come several times a week. Meals on wheels will not even come out there.

The environmentalists tried to screw us over but they got caught in their lies.

The government needs to get out of the business of maintaining roads and to give it to private business we don't need the bureaucracy who sit around doing nothing. We are squandering money in the dept of transportation. Too many people sitting behind desks who are not profitable for anybody but themselves and public employees.

The grooves in the road caused by heavy trucks and studs. I think we need toll roads.

The highways are better than 10 years ago, the bridges are suspect. The older bridges not built for the loads of today. On 395 s as it goes underneath i84 the turn lane to south bound does not begin soon enough. The principal thing is that the opening to southbound is not open soon enough. People sneak up on the inside and you have to be very careful. I spoke with someone locally at ODOT some time ago and they said it was an "enforcement" problem; but it would not be a problem if the lines were changed. It should be a double line so they don't cross over it.

The interviewer is very nice, y'all called once earlier at dinnertime and I brushed you off. They do good in Oregon but too much emphasis on special needs stuff.

The little reflectors that are on the road as lane markers are delightful and helpful on rainy days. Would like to see more of them.

The night conditions are really bad.

The one thing that they really need to do is, do something about the south-end of Bend where the parkway ends, where you hit 97. It's very dangerous the way they've got it, I think. (P) Everybody's speeding along and all of a sudden you've got this stoplight and there's already been one death. There needs to be an overpass or some other means of access to the parkway.

The only thing I can think of is that maybe the lottery money needs to be re-designated for things besides schools.

The only thing I was wondering, not too long ago we did a written survey. They talked about where we would like to have traffic lights installed. We never heard anything; it was about two years ago. It might be nice if people you do this for, those that respond have some access to this. You fill these things out, you think you're actually doing something and then you never hear back.

The only thing that I did say is that although I'm not in the workforce, I was for a long time. It's hard for what I consider. Oregon doesn't have a lot of income for the people, that it's the basic wage, minimum wage type thing. There's too much difference between that and the top wage so that top wage should come down to show that they care about the people. In this recession, Policemen aren't making \$40,000. Well, neither is anyone else.

The only thing, I really feel, keep studded tires legal, that's all.

The questions are for 98% of the people. The question about work assumed I worked in a specific spot. I'm a salesman and my office is my car. So all those questions are irrelevant.

The reader boards with travel conditions are sometimes inaccurate.

The reason I won't vote to pay any new taxes is that the State of Oregon lies to us. They say the tax will only be for a limited time but then they keep the taxes forever. Also, some of your questions were difficult to answer because they don't pertain to us in the country, on a farm. We don't have bus service out here, so.

The reflective paint on the Oregon highways. The stripping on the California section is much better, it is. I hate to admit that especially at night. It is very hard to see the stripe on Oregon highways and mostly that is the outside stripping, not the middle lane, not the yellow; it is the white. Mostly when I notice this is when I am traveling to Medford, highway 1-99 and highway 5. I think that's it.

The road department is doing a good job with what they have to work with. I have noticed that the department of motor vehicles is doing better. They are doing better and that is a rough job. I used to do heavy construction.

The ruts in the road are extremely important to me. They need to be not there because water collects and it causes accidents. The white stripes in the road need to have bumps or to be more reflective because during the rain they are difficult to see. All public transportation ought to have seat belts. That is why I refuse to use public transportation. To me it is unsafe.

The south exit of Medford is all screwed up.

The State of Oregon needs to spend their money more wisely. We're the 4th highest taxed state of the 48 states and we're one of the smallest. I don't know what they do with the money.

They're doing a lot of bridge reconstruction between Canyonville and Roseburg and the signs that indicate that there is a lane change ahead is not clear and the situation is an accident waiting to happen. They also close off lanes for miles and no work is going on for weeks, there's just equipment parked there and that is annoying. For those reasons I would rate ODOT 'good' instead of 'excellent'.

Their planning is actually terrible and their improvements I've seen are the pits.

There are not enough rest areas on 97 past warm springs going north from Klamath.

There is nothing that I can think of.

There is whole lot of dead animals along the roads that are there for months at a time. My feelings on public transportation are low because, the people that use the bus stop in front of my church use the front of the church to go to the bathroom. It causes the church to be vandalized.

There should be transportation here in Sutherlin on Central Ave. to Roseburg. Getting older and older, I will not be able to drive and I will need transportation.

They are doing a whale of a job. They should come out and inspect more on our trucks here in Malheur County.

They need to budget their money but they do need these things.

They need to spend more money, education.

They really need to make sure that the lines are painted on the roads.

They repaved the main street by my house and they put in bike lanes. I think that's great. I'd like to see more bike lanes. I'd like to see frugal and judicious use of public money. Studded tires is a big issue. We need them here in central Oregon but I know they are changing the tires. So they don't need to outlaw them, just let the new technology take care of it.

They should listen more to the little people at the bottom, actually I live on a rural highway and for people like me that live farther out of town they need to set something up for the buses to come out farther somehow so we can use the buses.

Think the State of Oregon budget can be done better over all. I thought the interstate highway system that the federal government took care of that.

Tighten your belts and get rid of the excess fat at the top, and eliminate jobs where people have to find something to keep busy through the day. If ODOT was conducted as a private enterprise business it would be much more efficient and use much less of the tax payers money, right.

Traffic violation I see continuously in our area; for instance for one, basic rule in Oregon, you always drive on the right; have many drivers that drive in left lane; would like to see them have to move over make room for others. Yeah, yeah, vehicles tire too wide for the car hanging out 2-3 inches more than the vehicle. Oregon passed laws few years ago about tinting of windows. There'd be no more, still being done, wondering why? One that actually pertains to ODOT, interstate weight station, last truck in line will go through light, no matter color.

We are a small town with trucks and too much traffic going through. So we need bypasses to get the main traffic that isn't going to stop, to get it around the town. People don't want bypasses because it will reduce town business, but people don't stop in town because it is too congested. Build a bypass!

We are in a rural area so that buses and that are not necessary.

We are very impressed on how they manage their road projects, how they start and stop, how they manage flow of traffic on the project they keep the stop time at a minimal compared to Texas where we're from.

We live in Ontario and the beautification at the front of town is a waste of money. This money could go to the highways. We believe that this is a terrible waste of money. Some of the engineers, they've taken the super out of the corner and there have been more accidents. I'm not that smart about things like that but that is important when it comes to driving trucks. Even trucks going at the legal speed limit have tipped their load when going through that corner. We need some engineers that know what they're doing.

We need a sales tax and I think that any automobile tires, accessories should be allotted to the Department of Transportation, so sales tax on those items. Go to the Dept. of Transportation.

We need some solutions. We have increased traffic and they're still using the same roads. We need alternative routes; the roads we have can't handle all the new traffic.

We should have some kind of public transportation from here to the newest town, which is 20 miles away.

We use the web a lot. We really like the road cam because a lot of times we want to eastern or central Oregon and we have to pick a route, and the road cams tell us instantly.

We would like to have a train out of Hermiston, (P) buses that leave at a decent time. The only bus leaves at 5AM. To go to Tacoma you have to take a bus to Portland, a four-hour or more layover and then the bus or train to Tacoma. We are not gonna do that. It just takes us all day we are gonna drive so we don't have to wait in the bus station.

Well fix the 800 number; update the conditions. They were really wrong the one time I tried to use it. Yeah, I'd like highway and road improvements to be very sensitive to the impact of changes on existing neighborhoods.



Well frankly, if I were, I'd better not start. I don't agree with them on the foolish things they spend money on. They aren't organized--too much fighting and chit chat among themselves--just not, well I'd better not, too much politics not enough work, too many Chiefs not enough Indians, too many high paying jobs, need more working people.

Well I think the bridges and road maintenance is important and the rest of the things in the survey need to come in order of importance I am in favor of mass transit in urban areas. That'll do it.

Well let's see. Take a look at that planner in Hermiston. See where he got his education. I am not satisfied with the planner. If have any ties with planner in Hermiston, check him out. I don't think he's doing a good job--got a lot worse in the last five years.

Well no I think they are doing a good job with the resources that they have, which I realize are not much.

Well, are you going to put them down? (P) I hate bike paths, they need more side walks. (P) I think that that has been one of the problems. In one the questions you asked about the traffic congestion. They've eliminated traffic lanes in order to make bike lanes. There's never any bikes! This is Oregon for Christ's sake!

Well, as far as studded tires go, people here would go berserk if banned. If they would restrict them to vehicles under 3500lbs-- it's the combination of the stud and weight of vehicle. You know they're making SUVs up to 6000 pounds now.

Well, being a fairly recent person in the area I find the highways are in horrible shape and the gas prices are too high I come from Michigan and the roads are in better shape and the gas is cheaper.

Well, I do live in a small town because I am 45 miles from Eugene, and like I said, the closest bus stop is 26 miles away in Lowell. And I have heard that the buses are suppose be coming here and I would definitely like to see them come so that I can use public transportation more than driving. (P) Gee, I don't know. Well only thing is, I have been here three years in Oakridge and every time I have to go to major doctor in Eugene, I have to go early enough to find a place to park. And if there was buses that would...I wish they would take care of the potholes in highway 58!

Well, I feel that good transportation is a need not only in Roseburg but everywhere so people can move around effectively and conveniently. Look at the general area of San Francisco. You should take lessons from them. You don't have to wait there for anything. You can get out of anything fast. As soon as you have an efficient public transportation system, more people will use it.

Well, I just like for ODOT to work on that Santiam Pass better--more guardrails on the outside coming from the valley instead of going over. Don't mind going over 'cause up against the mountain, it's bad, there are some guard rails, oh there are some bad places. (P) Oh, get some of the highways; some places on 97 coming around after get off I-84. It's in bad shape. It's a truck route to California. It's only two lanes. Some places have passing lanes but it needs more. That is the way we always come back, never come back on the pass; go over quite frequently.

Well, I just think you need to make a very clear note that the survey is terribly biased.

Well, I think it is extremely imp to develop trails for bike use, for example, in rogue valley a green link if it could be connected to the 5 communities Ashland phoenix, Central Point, there is a big gap in the middle that needs to make that connection complete. If this greenway were completed it would be more useful to people using bikes, people could use the whole 20 mile length for a whole trip. No that's it.

Well, I think it's a good thing you're doing and I think you're doing a good job and I hope I'm being honest and I hope my answers in conjunction will be a benefit to the state and community.

Well, I think that the questions don't give the Respondent an opportunity to have any options. There isn't a way to say I want to spread the funds around to maintenance, bridges, expansion etc. I don't think these issues are black and white.

Well, I think they need to start paying attention to where their money is going instead of administration. Quit wasting their money on projects they do on the highway; contracting out is wasteful spending. Those--I don't know what those bumps are along the fog-line are called, I call them idiot bumps; I think they are a hazard. Okay, the bike paths they put in the city seem to be useless as the bike riders ride in the road and go against the flow of traffic contract workers should abide by state signing laws, survey questionnaire is too vague.

Well, I would just like to say overall ODOT has done a great job and I appreciate the efforts of those guys on the roads, and gals. (P) Um, no, but when I said the Oregon highways, some of the rural roads are dangerous, those two-way highways, something needs to be done there to avoid head on collisions. And then the only other thing, there is never a policeman there when you need them. As far as people violating, we need to be enforcing more traffic violations, they need to get really more hard core about that. That's my opinion.

Well, I would like to add that in town we have a place that needs a stop signal. It's at the junction of highway 199 that goes right through town and River Street because we have two schools on that street, elementary on one side, and high school on the other. And the same side of the highway that the high school is on, there is a middle school and kids walk and we've had individuals helping to stop traffic. But they will not put a green, yellow, and red. People are driving faster through the intersection.

Well, I would like to say about the reader boards on the highway. They slow traffic down. It's good to be informed but they do slow traffic down. When they first put the signs in it was very hard not to be distracted. Now that I've gotten used to it, it's better. Maybe it's a good thing that the signs do slow traffic down, I don't know.

Well, I would like to see Amtrak back from Roseburg to Eugene, also it would include return trip.

Well, I would really like to have Tri-Met to come out here. As it is, I have to walk almost a mile to cocoa and it only runs at 6:30 in the morning. I believe we could get a lot of traffic off the highway if more buses came out here.

Well, I would say the landscaping in some areas of our county could be improved upon in follow up maintenance, the actual roadway landscaping alongside the roads. Access roads and off-ramps sometimes looks a little bedraggled, I don't know if it is a water shortage, lack or personnel or volunteers. We use volunteers quite a bit in our Josephine

County. Overall the safety of the people using the roadways should be very much in the mind of people planning construction or repairs. No I think they are doing a good job seniors concerns are safety.

Well, I'd like to ask a question, is this regarding the decision whether to place a state tax for highways, do I know? Can you add one more comment? Please do something about putting something on the road; you know how they put dirt on the road. They need to do more of that, and need to do it in places where they are not doing it at all.

Well, I'd like to say that I don't think the DMV fees are high enough. You kept asking about views about raising taxes. But I think that ODOT should think about raising money from raising fees instead of just gas taxes.

Well, I'd like to tell you that I've done surveys before, but I thought you were very good, and I enjoyed your sense of humor, and that you weren't trying to rush me along, and you listened to me.

Well, I'm not really on the go as I used to be so I don't get around as much as others. But I would like to be able to use that Amtrak service again we used to have between Pendleton and Portland. It was wonderful for people like me who can't get around so easily.

Well, just that the roads that we have now if they continue to be maintained we have enough.

Well, just that they need somebody that knows how to operate on the budget and other issues, as well as more down to earth and more level headed, and looks for bargains, and gets the brains back up in their heads, and just more realistic and down to earth.

Well, let's see. I think I would just like to let ODOT know that we know it's a difficult task and prioritizing is difficult. I would encourage them to look towards sales tax; it's a revenue stream that has not been tapped yet, as our economy grows we should look to doing that.

Well, only if ODOT deals with local problems. (P) We need more stop lights in Sutherlin. There is no stoplight so you have to wait and wait to get out of the intersection.

Well, recently I was doing a 11 mile commute downtown and recently transferred to different branch, do more bike or walk now, husband works in Vancouver and does bridge and feels those who use it should pay for it. If Oregon fixes bridge and Washington uses they should pay for it.

Well, the comments I made, didn't you add them in? I am concerned that they are paying a lot of money to have survey done and I don't think they are to the benefit of the community. It feels bureaucratic, and I don't trust that. I think it was definitely geared to ODOT wants bridges to be improved and that the quest were weighted and I feel that they improve road that don't improving and neglect others. (P) No, that's it.

Well, the nature of their survey doesn't reflect well on the very rural areas, what we call frontier counties. If you know anything about Sherman County, some are pretty ridiculous. Just want to say that the survey doesn't account well for the conditions of most rural counties.

Well, they should take a look at some of the troubled spots in this area, in all areas, before they go working on other things. Case in point--the Beltline highway and River Road interchange, instead I-5 between River Road and Delta highway--instead of the interchange at I-5 and Beltline, need another bridge or two across the river in this area. Oh the extenuation of what they keep battling about--the expressway out in the West Eugene area; the people have voted a couple of times, voted it in and the city drags its feet.

Well, this survey needed to be geared to a rural area or an urban area like because many of those questions did not apply to where I live. So people living on the west side of the cascades could have answered them better or related to them better. I wish that they would put their directional signs before the turn instead of on the other side. Many times they will have the turn that you need to make the sign will be on that other side of the intersection. We have traveled a lot and we know immediately that we have gotten into Oregon.

Well, you did a good job.

What do I think about bush?

When they inquire about bridges, there needs to be more control on truck traffic and the routes they use. In order to protect aging bridges on smaller rural highways, trucks over a certain weight should not be aloud to use them. There should be a weight limit that bans commercial truck traffic. I'd like to see them reinstate Amtrak going east through Oregon, without having to go through Portland.

When they put in the mall, and then they rearranged all the traffic and everyone is sitting there at all these lights. And we have to have our cars go through INM and that's just right here around the Medford. And the people in Shady Cove, Eagle Point, and Ashland, they don't have to have theirs checked but they go to town to work and shop, but they don't have to go through INM.

When they say something needs repair, make sure that it really needs to be repaired and that it isn't just that the engineer wants to cover himself. And I think this pertains to bridges more than roads. Because it's pretty obvious if a road is falling apart but a bridge takes an engineer. We had a barn up there that had been condemned. Anyway, they said it wouldn't hold weight but I put 80 tons and it held just fine. That's a waste of a lot of money or can be.

When will the results of this be available? [Interviewer gave web-site OSRL address]

Where is all this Oregon lottery money that was supposed to be for roads and schools?

Where is the lottery money going?

Whoever they contracted to build that 205 did a real poor job. As far as the road work or base of it is ridiculous. It's not that old and they already have had sections of it taken out and re-down north of Oregon City already. Sections of the road are a lot better as far as grooving and they get as much use as 205. I am talking about the whole area of 205 between the north and south it is going away. Going away, meaning grooving real bad. I follow trucks down the road and they are not the primary cause if you look at the wheels and the groove.

Why did it take 15 years to get the senior community center sign on highway 101 and 11th street.

Why, what is the reason for these questions?

Would it be feasible to move the lines on the highway rather than to pave the whole wearing stripes? If they move the lines over, they could smooth the highway out rather than to keep going on the same ruts. It gets a lot of hydroplaning in the rain. It seems like it would be easier to repave than to repave.

Would like them to take me off their list and not be called anymore.

Would like to see increased maintenance on highway 58.

Yea, right now I am not going to support anything that is going to raise my taxes, period.

Yeah, how about what I said at the beginning. Some of these questions are more complicated than stated makes the survey unfair or somewhat misleading.

Yeah, I do believe ODOT needs to put priority on its, either its repairs, or maintenance of its bridges and roads. Made promises to West Coast that have not been followed through on. I really think it, let me think about this so I can say it properly. The legislature should change their priorities concerning the lottery, given the present crisis in the state, more funds should be dedicated to education and the necessity of keeping up our roads--I could go on how the state cheated us on the ballot.

Yeah, I have an issue with ODOT. A lot of people here have it; we live in a rural remote area there are trees along Oregon highways that have been there for several hundred years. And in the last couple of years, ODOT has decided to remove these trees because they present a driving hazard. There have been no record of accidents around those trees whatsoever. And so that is an issue with people, why are they doing that? People do not want them to cut down those trees. I think that's about it. They are claiming that they are a hazard; that is questionable.

Yeah, I think dot needs to quit wasting money on projects that aren't necessary but they're doing it to beautify the area. Like on highway 42 they replaced a bunch of guardrails that were still ok but were faded or rust stained. And instead of temporarily repairing a road, they should just repave it. Most of the time when they repair a road they're right back in there repairing it again.

Yeah, I think over the Santiam highway there is a big chunk of pavement missing between Bend and Corvallis, and I just want them to pave over that chunk of pavement missing. It wouldn't take them long; it is like 10 or 15 yards long; (P) not really.

Yeah, I think they ought to up the speed limit on the freeway to at least 70 or 75 or better.

Yeah, I used to work in construction and I built both roads and bridges. That was 20 years ago and there was a lot more pride in the work then.

Yeah, I was saying the main highway 101 near Napa road, they dug holes to fix the pavement and it was bumpier than before they fixed it, then they had to go back and dig the holes again.

Yeah, I would like to see more train service between cities; actually the high speed trains. I guess that and more light-rails in the city. Well this is in Portland. (P) No, that's all.

Yeah, tell them to fix highway 226 between Lyons and Albany.

Yeah, we need fog-lines on the passes, Santiam and other; they get worn out.

Yeah, where are the results going?

Yes, get rid of the waste, excess desks in Salem, and then put the money on the roads where it belongs. Yeah there is more to this state than Salem and Portland. Well they need to do something besides reconstruction 205 working on for 10 years, they put the light rail in Portland with ODOT money and it's not that big a deal because they had a lot of transportation anyhow. There is a whole lot more to this state than those two areas. Yea, if they think it needs beautification, they have people coming from California, up 15 through the potholes and shaky bridge.

Yes, I do feel that the politicians are overpaid and they waste money on all sorts of scandals and things that aren't necessary, they should get the money for the roads and bridges from their salaries not new taxes.

Yes, I have a large issue with the use of herbicides to control vegetation near the roads, especially with the roads designed for direct draining into ditches. There are other things they could use. Other counties, Jackson County uses none. Why can't we do better to? I know other counties also do worse. (P) Yes, I really support the development of the least polluting mass transit speed-rail trains between major cities. I would like to see these options used more instead of widening streets to reduce traffic congestion.

Yes, I have one strong comment. We frequently drive at night and we have noticed that the sidelines on the highway need to be painted more frequently so that we can see them.

Yes, I really do believe that we have so much problems with the heat is because we have too much cement, sidewalks, streets, and roadways. Cement conducts heat, and there's so much heat, get rid of the cement and it will be cooler.

Yes, I think ODOT should make a shorter survey.

Yes, I think there's is a lot of waste in equipment purchases. They don't need to buy not all the new stuff all the time. They need to buy quality equipment and make it last. They need to do their maintenance and repair locally with independent garages, that would cut down their general cost of doing business. (P) Yes, the bridge over the John Day River at Service Creek, (P) it is like driving over a twisty pretzel. The pavement is so bad. When the river is high I feel uncomfortable driving over it. (P) No, thank-you.

Yes, I think this survey is ridiculous.

Yes, I've lived around here my whole life and I have seen Bend go from 18 to 100 thousand road issues are a big concern, the questions were good. The progress I have seen has been beneficial. I live in Deschutes River woods. I can now get from one end of Bend to the other in a fraction of the time. As far as other things go most people don't know how to drive on these roads. Thank you.

Yes, one it would be wiser use of funds available based on priority of conditions.

Yes, Oregon needs to some beautification of highways, and engineers that know how to do cloverleaves along and more that 2 exits per city.

Yes, our community is growing and businesses are building parking lots and entrances wherever they want and it seems that there is not much organization where the lights and roads go in relation to the new businesses. I think they need more organization and planning prior to big businesses moving in. (P) No, thank-you.

Yes, send me a duck hat!

Yes, the exit at 217 and I-5 (P) It needs to be widened or something. It is always so congested right there. It takes so long to get off the freeway.

Yes, they need to do something about highway 99 going through Dundee. It's almost impossible to get across either way you're going, if you are trying to make a turn, no matter which way you're going.

Yes, yeah you know, I have been driving in Oregon for a long time and one thing I have noticed along with a bunch of other people is the conditions of our roads and the fact that they don't last very long. If you go to Nevada for example, and whatever they use lasts five times longer and the same thing in California. There is something the state of Oregon can learn from Nevada and California so the roads are nice.

You know people abandon their cars and leave them by your house or block area for days. And if you call to have them moved, they come and check that one car that you called in but there could be two or three other cars that could be ticketed, but they don't do it. There are cars with flat tires or outdated licenses, but they just take care of the one car and leave. The trouble is I have been an accountant for most of my life, and I can't help but see where they could save money. No that's it I hope it helps.

You were very polite.

## INTOBS

### INTERVIEWER: PLEASE RECORD ANYTHING R SAID THAT IS RELEVANT TO THE SURVEY'S PURPOSES.

ALTRANS 10: he said he wouldn't reduce transportation, he would find a way to cheat. Continuation of comments from last question--he doesn't like that there are signs of construction up a long time when there doesn't seem to be construction going on, so people then speed.

At end of interview, after I told him thank you for taking the survey, he said he thought I was trying to sell him something, but when he heard me say at the beginning that I was not going to sell anything, he decided to participate.

Bridge fell in a couple years ago and a family dies and that's what she thinks about all the time. Pendelton should have put in the underpass in the 40's.

Bus service is dial-a-ride and it comes to the house. R wasn't sure how to answer "how many miles away is the nearest public bus stop."

F first said that there was no transportation and then later in the survey remembered that a new bus now runs between the cities, and it is public, everyone can use it.

Respondent said interviewers should not go right into interview but make sure respondents are prepared by asking them if they could schedule interview another day so respondents can prepare themselves. Respondent very abrupt and impatient with answer categories on questions Q: PAVE through Q: AVAILALL, Respondent was impatient with using answer categories very satisfied or somewhat satisfied on many of these questions she said satisfied only.

F R took phone # for Scott Bassett of ODOT to call him. She wanted to end survey and after speaking with supervisor, she did finish.

F R was very reluctant to take survey. She is blind and does not drive.

F- respondent was reluctant to take this survey. She feels she gets a lot of calls to do surveys. Recently she felt she was stalked by a man who wanted her to take a survey. She was friendly, just being cautious, that is why she asked that we take her name off of our 'list'. I assured her that each household only gets one call for this survey.

Female upset that we got her phone number when it was unlisted...she has used the 1-800-telephone to get travel information but it was always busy and gave up, felt it didn't really work

For employment questions Respondent owns a ranch and didn't consider himself to be employed.

For Q: BRIDGE7, R said "Get the money from property taxes."

For URB-RUR2 Respondent said "Oh my!" and then "that would be another city!" So her answer was 8 DON'T KNOW.

FR does not drive; her husband stopped driving one month ago. Their children drive them places now.

FR was reluctant to participate, thinking surveys a waste of time, but fortunately she did finish the survey.

FR was reluctant to say we should increase gas or other taxes until we see what happens on measure 28.

He drives the roads of Oregon a lot, so feels he is quite aware of road conditions.

He was talking the entire time about doing the best they can with the money they have. I think that influenced his answers a lot.

Her town bus service is dial-a-ride.

In response to question #SAFEWALK R said, "There are no adequate shoulders for people to walk or bike in this area." "They build new roads and you think maybe they will have a bigger shoulder for those of us who want to walk or bike, and no, they don't."

M R said he is disabled.

M Spanish some questions he seemed to understand with no problem, others he didn't seem to really be able to grasp that it was only his opinion. At times his accent was very heavy and then he spoke very good English.

Many people tonight have complained about the length of the survey. I have been talking fast and offering to talk fast but many people have been saying no because of the time.

ODOT tore up a rail line that went from Estacada to Hillsboro and put in a running path. If they just would have left the tracks and turned in into light rail it would have solved a lot of transportation issues, that is just one reason why she hates ODOT.

On BRIDGE 5 are R said I think they have enough money they don't have to close the bridges.

On BRIDGE 6 and 7 Respondent said, "I think that if they have an audit they could find more money than to have to tax us again and tax us more we even make. I am a senior. We have social security and that's all our income."

On OPIN4 R said. Fish are very important but wildlife is not. She wanted me to make a note of it. She wondered why we had this question in there also.

On Q: TENYRS that asks about the road, highways and bridges of Oregon compared to 10 years ago, he pointed out that he feels differently about roads Vs bridges, yet this question lumps them together. Impossible to answer as he feels the roads are better, the bridges worse.

On question OPIN2 R said, "Sidewalks yes, bike paths no."

On questions Altran10 and Altran16 respondent insisted that there would be no other means that she could or would use. The other category was marked, however there is no chance to clarify.

On WORKZONES R said she was not at all satisfied because our bridge project took 3 years, the Pendleton Viaduct project.

Q: ALTRAN 10--other, (no specification option) taxi. Q: ALTRAN 16--other, (no specification option) taxi. Q: NEWSERVA--other, (no specification option) ODOT customer phone line.

R didn't want to answer many of the demographic questions.

R does not own a car, just a bike.

R felt strongly that ODOT was doing a good job, but very unwilling to see an increase in taxes. Make do with what is available.

R had a safety concern about a big pothole on highway '97 right near Sun River.

R had only lived in Oregon for one year and didn't feel her answers were relevant.

R has two HH, Marion and Tillamook, she considers Marion as the primary.

R indicated she was disabled in wheelchair and appreciated handicapped parking spaces at rest areas

R is a self-employed farmer.

R is housebound and hasn't driven in two years.

R is very concerned with how fast people drive.

R made a comment about studded tires. He said I hope they don't ban them because I see they help cut down on the accidents, we get a lot of ice around here.

R said ODOT messed up some intersections and made them congested by taking out turn lanes in central point, for instance, at the intersection of Hanley and Main. Also very aggravated with how Portland gets all the funding and no one else does.

R said don't know or refused for a number of questions about issues he just felt he didn't have enough info to answer.

R said if there is going to be an increase in any kind of tax he needs to see improvement in ODOT's management and the work ethics of the people involved

R said- increase registration fees, they are really low here compared to California. That's a good way to get money!

R said she doesn't feel safe walking/biking on city streets but she thinks that is not ODOT but, rather, city dept of transportation.

R said she thought studded tires were only legal in Oregon and she didn't know why.

R said take money from the lottery and the electronic signs are kind of stupid because you are already on the road.

Highway 97 is Terrible between bend and Redmond. The ruts in that road throw his car around.

R said that Bend needed Bike lanes very badly.

R said workers need to stop leaning on their damn shovels and start using them.

R was very critical about a lot of questions. Insisted that the U of O politicizes everything and it is our fault that the questions seemed to black and white.

R was very impatient and almost hung up on me. He answered don't know on a couple of issues because he didn't care and just wanted to share his opinion about this one traffic problem in Cave Junction.

R works at home.

R works for ODOT; so does her father.

RE: work questions (does employer offer flex time, etc.): R owns at-home pizza delivery service.

Real concerned for the safety of her kids.

Respondent wanted more information on tax questions, like how much would the tax be and for how long. He thought about those for a long time.

Respondent chose not to answer several questions because he felt he didn't know enough about the topic or, especially, it was hard to reconcile his personal views (living in a rural area) with the overall needs of the state.

Respondent compared how state highways are to Crook County highways, and feels that ODOT could improve their priorities for spending.

Respondent is self employed, answered no to questions about employers offering services to reduce traffic congestion.

Respondent is self-employed, does not have an 'employer' so answered no to questions about employers offering options and incentives to reduce traffic congestion. EMPOPT1, etc.

Respondent is well educated on road conditions in Oregon and beyond, (even New Zealand!) I put 'other' for education; she has a nursing certificate (2 years). She was extremely reluctant to take survey because she feels all surveys do

not get the real feelings of respondents --no place for discussion. She appreciated having the space at the end of the survey to speak out.

Respondent said that she had "no answer" for BRIDGE1 because they don't have bridges in their area and it had been so long since she'd seen a bridge somewhere else, so I entered 9 NO ANSWER. For BRIDGE4 Respondent answered, 2 NO and said "no, not maintenance" indicating she differentiated between taking funds from construction and taking funds from maintenance.

Respondent said...you were saying something about getting money from somewhere, "I think you should tap into the lottery for money"....

Respondent was uncertain about the meaning of the term traffic "congestion"

Respondent works at home.

Self employed and said offered no alternatives to work such as the EMPLOY questions asked, no incentives or different work hours.

She didn't seem to believe me that we didn't have her name.

Since the Respondent only lived here 1 month he felt that many questions were impossible for him to answer fairly, Supports tax increase but not for earthquake proofing.

The R thought that a tax for bridge repair should be targeted to that part of the traffic that has caused the damage, like diesel trucks, and not penalize the entire traveling public.

The R was not in favor of any more gas taxes because she was suspicious of where the PUC taxes her husband pays were going, other than for roads.

The R was uncertain what "from other construction projects" meant in BRIDGE4. Didn't know if this meant just ODOT or any state construction project at all. "Does this mean like, schools?"

The southside bypass is bad at Laverne. Time the stop lights better, the officials say they are timed but they don't seem to be, if they are timed place a speed sign as to what speed is most effective to hit all the green lights.

The state funds for public transit need to be spent. (P) No, just in Portland and Salem.

They don't have public bus service in their town, which doesn't really need it because it is very small, one mile from end to end of town center. Also, no traffic congestion there.

This respondent was a real talker. She has gone to many city-planning meetings concerning transportation issues because of a road expansion project where she almost lost her land and home because the city kept saying they could just condemn the property in order to get it. She was very angry about this and went on for quite a while. She also really wanted to know more about what ODOT is responsible for because she didn't want to make judgements inappropriately.

This woman was blind, acknowledged she had been called several times, was very cheerful, glad she took the survey.

Unsure of closest bus-stop. R thinks they just have dial-a-ride.

Very upset with what happened to the intersection of highway 99 and highway 238 in Medford. ODOT tried to improve it but they made it much worse, very congested.

With bus question early in survey Respondent said the only bus service was for the elderly so she wouldn't use it. At end she said nearest bus stop was 1 mile away. On employment questions Respondent is self-employed working out of her home.

Works in government job and thinks ODOT is doing as good as possible with money they have to work with.