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Dear PSRC transportation committee,

I'm ready to today to ask that you consider the following with respect to allocation of funding. Even at present levels of road construction, the state of Washington is vastly underfunding maintenance. We can hardly afford to keep what we have running, never mind new road building projects. Additionally, every single new lane-mile we build, just permits the region to sprawl out even further. Additionally, there is no evidence that building additional lanes or roads actually reduces traffic. We could be spending that money in ways that actually work. Finally, we need to keep in mind that the primary way that Americans between the ages of two and 34 die via motor vehicle accident. The number one killer of children and young people, in the prime of their life, is cars. My request is that we allocate less funding towards the construction of new roads, and additional funding towards maintenance and safety. Only once we have funded the entire maintenance shortfall, and the vision zero project, can we consider building additional roads. If additional revenue is required, we can do so via taxation of motorists. I am a motorist and I would happily pay more in taxes if we could ensure that our roads could be properly repaired. For example, I was planning on visiting Eastern Washington recently, but was unable to given the snowfall. Hopefully we can build in the infrastructure to ensure that this does not occur in the future as much.

I hope that you guys can reprioritize funding in such a way that is beneficial for all Washingtonians.

Best regards and happy new year

Andrew