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Christine Drazan Launches New Radio Ad Exposing Billions in Cost Increases on Transportation Megaprojects Under Tina Kotek

WILSONVILLE, Ore. – Christine Drazan's campaign for governor today announced the launch of a [new radio advertisement](#) highlighting the significant cost increases on several of Oregon's major transportation projects under Tina Kotek's leadership and arguing that Oregon taxpayers are not getting the accountability or results they deserve.

"Tina Kotek has proven to be a completely untrustworthy steward of our tax dollars, and the billions of dollars in cost overruns on Oregon's critical transportation projects are a case in point. Nothing will change if she gets reelected," said **Trey Rosser**, Drazan campaign strategist. "In fact, [we already know](#) she's planning to come back for more tax hikes while Oregonians are still waiting for accountability for the billions they've already spent. We can't afford four more years of Tina Kotek."

The Abernethy Bridge was estimated to cost roughly \$250 million in 2018. Now, the project is expected to cost [at least \\$800 million](#). The Rose Quarter was initially estimated at \$450 million, and today its price tag is projected to [exceed \\$3.2 billion](#). The I-5 bridge replacement was estimated at \$6 billion in 2022, and its projected price tag has now climbed to [\\$15 billion or more](#). Despite these massive increases, nobody has been held accountable.

The new radio advertisement can be listened to here: <https://bit.ly/4yrOAZv>

The transcript:

"The 60 seconds I get for this ad isn't enough to tell you all the reasons Oregon state government is broken, but here's a few.

The Abernethy Bridge project is over budget by \$500 million, and not finished.

The Rose Quarter Freeway is now over budget by \$2 billion, also, not finished.

The I-5 bridge? Over budget by \$8 billion, and... not finished.

No one's been fired or replaced. The same people keep making the same tired excuses. Nothing changes.

Tina Kotek hasn't been accountable for the money we've already given her, but she

keeps nickel and diming us with more taxes and more fees.

We can't expect anything to change if we reelect her.

Christine Drazan's plan is different.

Drazan's plan isn't partisan. It's about holding government accountable and finally getting results for Oregon taxpayers.

Accountability, affordability, and results. Christine Drazan for Governor.

Learn more at TheDrazanPlan.com."

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