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closer to our goal. So if your goal is to be able to say, we're very close and we extended taxes, and we maybe raised alcohol taxes, and we almost got there, that way you can get there. If your goal is to say, we did a little too much in the budget bill to certain areas, you could have an opportunity to come back. But this...from my perspective, this is just a budget cut. That's the only place I'm going. It's not a trade-off for something else. It's just a pure cut. And so it's \$16.9 million, with this amendment. And I think that is extremely modest. That is not going to be the end of the world in terms of construction in the state. There are going to be plenty of projects that will continue to go forward. We're just asking all the sectors and all the agencies to do a share of it. And I sat on Appropriations, and I thought, you know, it's remarkable. We should really look at all of our agencies as General Fund agencies, because they're all a big, giant pot of money. Why should one be luckier and untouched because it has cash funding? Why should those employees not have to sweat it out, like everybody in our human services area or education? I think that in this particular case, we are not directly laying off anyone in state government. We're cutting back on the staging of projects. They're going to get done. They just may take a little longer. They may start in the spring instead of in the fall. But there are ways that I believe the department can manage to this. Just as those of you who served on school boards and city councils and county boards staged projects, it can be done this way. The preparation can be there, and you can be ready to go. This isn't going to change things significantly. But it helps us get to the bottom line. And it's only fair that this sector be treated the same as the others. Now, I was a county commissioner, and there was no one more excited about road projects than I was. And we were in a high-growth county, and we depended on funds, and looked at federal funds and state funds. We put deals together with SIDs. We put deals together with cities. We found 100...not 100, but dozens of ways to put road projects together. You can stage them. You can bunch them. You can do all sorts of things. You can do one thing one year and one thing the next. You'd never have enough money for road projects. And you...and we as a state have to decide what kind of roads we're going to have for a small-population state of a million five. But that's a whole