We would need to spend as much as 40% more than we currently do just to maintain, replace and comply with regulations regarding our existing infrastructure.

Our roads total nearly 4,000 total “lane miles.”

Parks cover about 10 percent of Portland’s land base — 7,000 acres of natural areas and 3,200 acres of developed parks.

Turn on a faucet, run along the Willamette, drive down Broadway: you’re using the City’s infrastructure. That infrastructure would cost more than $22 billion to replace — and though it doesn’t all need to be replaced right away, it does need to be maintained, at least. If we were to properly maintain our infrastructure we would need to spend $136 million more per year over the next 10 years — an increase of 25–40 percent over what we currently spend. Essentially, we’re deferring maintenance on our City’s communal house, and each year we fall further behind in our payments.

The four City entities providing Portland’s primary infrastructure systems are the bureaus of:

- Transportation (roads, sidewalks, streetlights, etc.)
- Environmental Services (sewer and stormwater)
- Parks and Recreation (community centers, pools, parks and natural areas)
- Water (for drinking and for fire protection)