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Last yrs operating budget cut AST budget. The good people at DPS took it all seriously and gave Girdwood 6 months notice. Not even time to vote in policing power or raise our own taxes for public safety.

At first we got offered high priced plans that would have subsidized APD and AST at our expense. Local property tax payers would be burdened with the cost of patrolling State Highways.

That is a statewide cost.

I support a strong AST, DPS presence . Let's give them a workable budget. Let's pay for it with statewide taxes and user fees: income tax; gas tax; vehicle licensing fees;

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