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Top 10 Potholes in *The Majority's My Way or the Highway Bill 2.0*

1. **Green New Deal on Steroids:** Ties up \$1 of every \$2 in meeting Green New Deal mandates.
2. **Art is "Infrastructure":** While the Majority's bill places new restrictions on building roads, it lifts a bipartisan ban against spending federal transit money on art or non-functional landscaping – essentially defining "art" as "infrastructure."
3. **Zero Regulatory Reform:** Rejects widely-supported, bipartisan project streamlining provisions that would reduce the waste of taxpayer dollars. Research shows that 20% to 30% of project funding is wasted on red tape – that's up to \$164 billion of this bill.
4. **Creates Dozens of New Government Programs:** The bill creates 41 new programs and adds dozens of new eligibilities for existing programs, diluting resources for critical infrastructure – like roads and bridges – to fund progressive priorities.
5. **No Pay-Fors Gives Inflation a Boost:** The highway bill's massive price tag (\$547.9 billion over 5 years) relies heavily on deficit spending, which further fuels inflation and increases the cost of goods like gas and food.
6. **Bankrupts Roads and Bridges Funding in 2 Years:** The Majority did not even bother to include a revenue title in the bill. Although the bill includes a massive transfer of \$148 billion out of the General Fund, that is not nearly enough to cover the cost. In fact, by some estimates, this will let the Highway Trust Fund's account for roads and bridges go broke in just 2 years (although the transit account will have enough funding through all 5 years of the bill).
7. **Bans Building New Roads:** Strips states of their ability to prioritize building new roads or bridges, forcing them to first focus exclusively on state of good repair projects.
8. **Massive Amtrak Funding Increases & a Greenlight for Pelosi's "Train to Nowhere":** Increases funding for passenger rail programs by **850%** while reestablishing policies that will ensure Amtrak is never profitable. It also funnels more tax dollars to the failed California High Speed Rail project, despite continued delays and massive cost overruns (the original \$33 billion cost has ballooned to \$100 billion).
9. **Sorry, Rural America:** Policies and priorities in the Majority's bill clearly favor urban centers over rural communities. For example, the bill takes a central planning approach to force Americans out of their cars, gives the biggest funding boosts to transit and passenger rail, enacts a ban on building new roads, and lets road and bridges funding run out while transit funding will continue through the entire five years of the bill.
10. **Sells out to China to Achieve Unrealistic Climate Goals:** Provides \$4 billion for electric vehicle (EV) charging deployment, much of which will flow to the Chinese government – the world's worst emissions producer. The Chinese-controlled EV mineral supply chain is known for using child and slave labor, but the Majority gutted a Republican proposal to ensure no tax dollars would go to support these practices.