



June 30, 2022

Lori Stegmann and John Miner
Chair, East Multnomah County Transportation Committee
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd. Suite 600
Portland, OR 97214

Dear Chair Stegmann and Vice Chair Miner:

In 2017, the Oregon Legislature passed House Bill 2017 that directed the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to pursue and implement tolling on I-5 and I-205 in the Portland region to manage traffic congestion and create a new funding source to modernize our aging infrastructure system to be seismically resilient.

Since 2017, ODOT has been conducting a process that involves policymakers and key stakeholders from the Portland region, which includes southwest Washington. This began with supporting a Policy Advisory Committee during the Value Pricing Feasibility Analysis, the first stage of the journey. Now in 2022, there are three toll projects currently advancing in the Portland metropolitan area (Regional Mobility Pricing Project, I-205 Toll Project, and the Interstate Bridge Replacement), which will require many policy and programmatic decisions leading up to the implementation.

We invite you to be a member: ODOT is honored to invite the East Multnomah County Transportation Committee to participate on a new Regional Toll Advisory Committee to add value, advice and support as we prepare to implement tolling in the region. This committee will provide a forum for organizations to advise the Oregon Department of Transportation on the following:

- **Accountability:** ODOT and regional partners will report to the committee on topics in the “ODOT and Regional Partner Commitments” and Letter of Agreement between ODOT and Metro Council that was a part of the I-205 Toll Project Regional Transportation Plan amendment approval process.
- **Expediting the Regional Mobility Pricing Project (RMPP):** The committee will discuss strategies to develop regional support and consensus for the RMPP, which could accelerate the planning, analysis, and approval schedule with the U.S. Department of Transportation to lessen or remove the timing gap between I-205 and regional tolling coming online.
- **Diversion impacts and mitigation:** The committee will review and provide feedback on short- and long-term plans for mitigating and monitoring diversion caused by tolling on I-5 and I-





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- **Transit and multimodal:** The committee will discuss ways to leverage resources and align strategically to partner in delivering a transportation system that provides reliable transit and multimodal transportation options to complement congestion pricing on I-5 and I-205.
- **I-205 Toll Project and RMPP coordination:** This committee will provide feedback on the alignment between congestion pricing and toll policies in the Oregon Transportation Plan, Oregon Highway Plan, and Regional Transportation Plan in pursuit of providing a comprehensive framework to incorporate the I-205 tolling project and the RMPP in the context of the more extensive regional and statewide transportation system.

Expected Commitment

We expect that the Regional Toll Advisory Committee will meet monthly (and maybe more to start), with engagement beginning in July 2022. Initial engagement may include interviews or convening workshops followed by meetings. Meetings are expected to be as long as two hours in length and we will aim to find times that work best for members.

Response Requested

The Oregon Toll Program aims to achieve equity and inclusion in its decision-making processes. Please consider the diversity (e.g. gender, race, age, etc.) that is called for in the [Oregon Toll Program's Equity Framework](#) when selecting a member of your organization to serve on the Regional Toll Advisory Committee. Additionally, member organizations should serve communities adjacent to the impact and benefits of congestion pricing on I-5 and I-205.

Please confirm your organization's membership in Regional Toll Advisory Committee by providing the name of the East Multnomah County Transportation Committee representative and an alternate to ODOT's Toll Policy Manager, Gareth Prior, preferably by mid-July. We are planning for the Regional Toll Advisory Committee to begin work this summer and are working to schedule the first meeting in early August.

If you have questions, I encourage you to contact Gareth Prior at (503) 396-2588 or garet.prior@odot.oregon.gov. Thank you in advance for your commitment to the region.

Sincerely,

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