

Equity and Mobility Advisory Committee (EMAC) Meeting 23 Public Comments

Date received	4/10/23
Source	Project inbox
From	Judith Kleinstein
Subject	Oregon Tolling Project-Equity and Mobility Advisory Committee (EMAC) Regional Toll Advisory Committee (RTAC) Statewide Toll Rulemaking Advisory Committee (STRAC)

Greetings-

I'm concerned about the Toll Project, as it will funnel many cars onto the small Oregon City Bridge, which won't be tolled.

The toll will slow people through the project, and those from out of town will not know how to pay the toll.

There is a need to conduct a more extensive Environmental Impact Statement for the tolling project, requiring more community involvement and public outreach.

It is disappointing that this public survey was not requested before all the heavy equipment was brought in.

Thank you for listening, and for understanding.

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Clackamas County Resident

PS- Please add me to the Project Email List.

Date received	4/8/2023
Source	Project inbox
From	Nicole B.
Subject	Equity and Mobility Advisory Committee (EMAC)

Hello,

I do not have the privilege of working a remote job and public transportation doesn't run during the hours I need to be at work.

I work in a manufacturing environment and help keep products made in America. This requires me to work in Oregon and Washington. Adding a toll to the bridge will cost me more to get to work and is inequitable. It will hit some of our lower paid employees even harder as they struggle with inflation.

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There is no way to avoid the bridge or take public transport to get to work on time. This toll will harm me and my coworkers who are just trying to go to work during a time when so many people don't appear interested in working despite lots of job openings.

I'd encourage more equitable solutions other than tolling such as statewide transit taxes, use of gas tax dollars, or some other method.

In sum, tolling hurts those who have to go to and from work. I'm opposed.

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Oregon resident who works in OR and WA

PS your auto reply requiring public comments to resend with a subject line of the committee group also seems inequitable. It is hard to navigate. I am a smart person and I found it confusing on if the original public comment sent in will ever be seen. I don't think it will. Public agencies should put things in plain to understand language everyone can understand at a basic education level. This confusing setup for sending in public comments appears to be a way to decrease public participation in commenting.

Date received	4/6/23
Source	Project inbox
From	Bill Mason
Subject	I-205 Tolling EMAC Public Comment

As a resident of the Milwaukie area I have a need to travel North-South in the general area which is only reasonably accessed via I-205. Travel times are not at my picking. This leaves me caught up in your 'toll peak' times. ODOT has provided no reasonable North-South access to the citizens of I-205 Oregon City to Tualatin areas other than I-205 and now you want to toll the only reasonable access to these areas.

The impact on the whole area will be negative as many vehicles will attempt to bypass the toll sections of I-205 and this will move traffic into residential neighborhoods. This will be a pollution and safety impact to these areas. Increased traffic will bring higher levels of pollution to many residential neighborhoods. Increased traffic will cause safety issues and higher needs for road maintenance to these areas.

You claim you have mitigation measures to resolve this but you plan on implementing tolling before these measures are in place. This is unacceptable. Nor have the citizens of these areas had a chance to approve these measures. There is no alternative transportation in this area other than personal vehicle.

Years into this project you cannot tell us what these toll fees will be, again this is unacceptable and any fee adds a financial impact to me and my family. We are not made of money and I don't want to hear about your low income plan; it won't help me. These tolls do not help the citizens of Oregon.

Scrap this plan totally. No on I-205 Tolling.



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Date received	4/7/2023
Source	Project inbox
From	Mike Thayer
Subject	"EMC Public Comment" Equity and Mobility Advisory Committee / Regional Toll Advisory Committee / Statewide Toll Rulemaking Advisory Committee

To whom it may concern,

I am totally against tolling on I-205. Too many taxes, restrictions ect. For residents that live in West Linn and Oregon City surrounding areas this is a major change that will affect all of our lives. Year in and year out our taxes, property taxes go up and up. Now with record inflation residents need lower taxes, not more fee's in the form of tolling where we drive every day. Side roads will become even more busy with traffic patterns that would develop. Safety issues with more people trying to save money will result because of diversions caused by this idea. I feel that over the past twenty years I have paid my fair share of transportation cost as well as costs to run the Federal and State governments.

The majority of citizens in the most affected areas, West Linn, Oregon City, Gladstone ect. are against this idea. When will the local elected public officials and citizens in these communities be listened too? Stop making our standard of living decrease because of higher costs! I would like to see government's imprint become smaller and less expensive for the citizens that the government is suppose to represent. This is just one more bad idea to make the government creep larger.

Sincerely [], long time resident

Date received	4/4/2023
Source	Project inbox
From	Rene Pizzo
Subject	Equity and Mobility Advisory committee tolling comments

The tolling project is not ready to be moved forward. The needed infrastructure to move people off I-205 during congestion periods which is most of the day nowadays is not in place. You need to have inexpensive, safe, and readily available public transportation in place BEFORE the tolling project begins. There needs to be available housing as well as affordable housing closer to peoples' workplaces so they don't need to live further out and commute to work. There needs to be continued flexibility by employers for employees able to work from home to continue doing so or to work around peak travel times. There need to be viable alternatives for those of us who cannot easily get around from routes as simple as Oregon City to West Linn or West Linn to Milwaukie.

The proposed cost alone for people who do not have the choice to avoid peak congestion travel is exorbitant at the rumored \$7 per day.

Please stop the current tolling plans and look at the big picture by putting needed infrastructure in place first.

Thank you.