

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

Date received	7/31/2023
Source	Project inbox
From	Jane Mathews
Subject	EMAC Public Comment

To whom it may concern:

We have a way now to collect monies for our roads-- DMV. We do not need to pay another business more money to collect road taxes. This is a incorrect way of looking for more tax money. Thank you for listening.

Date received	8/1/2023
Source	Project inbox
From	Sean Stauffer-Person
Subject	EMAC public comment

Hi there,

I just wanted to reach out to share my absolute disdain for the toll you are putting in on 205 near Oregon city/west Linn, as well as any other tolls you might be considering.

Taxes pay for roads and bridges and infrastructure, and those increased already over the last year. The fact that you have decided to charge the public a fee to use a piece of infrastructure that is already built and paid for is astounding and I can only assume this decision was made because your organization somehow benefits monetarily from this toll.

The public are disgusted with your decision making.

Date received	8/1/2023
Source	Project inbox
From	Tyler Stone
Subject	EMAC Public Comment

To EMAC Members:

I want this group to consider the most equitable tolling option on the table - no tolling for anyone. In pursuit of equality on the roadways, the obvious and most equitable solution is to maintain open and low-cost travel for everyone. No tolls would thus be the most equitable solution. With no tolls, we don't need to sit around and discuss who should pay a toll, who shouldn't pay a toll, how price of the tolls, etc.

Memorandum

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We can thus all get back to more important societal missions and stop wasting everyone's time pursuing equity within a program with the obvious and most equitable solution simply being toll-free travel for all.

If the EMAC truly believes in equality, then it should be a proponent of no-toll freeways in our region and in our state. Anything else is a direct decision to not pursue equality on our roadways and within our transportation system.

Let's make an equitable choice - no tolls - and send a clear message to ODOT and our state leadership.