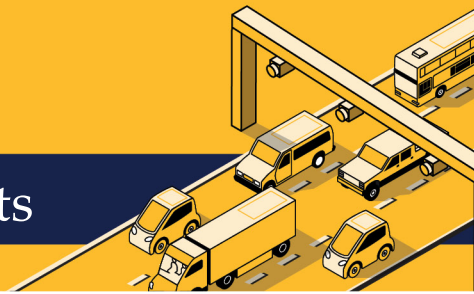


# Oregon Toll Program

## Committee Meeting #9 – Public Comments



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**Date received** 4/28/2021  
**Source** Project inbox  
**From** Richard Leonetti

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Subject: Committee Public Comment

Any suggested adjustments or mitigation in tolling based on race violates the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and should not be considered or planned.

It appears that a portion of Urban renewal area from only one section of the city is being considered. That is only a small fraction of the displacement area. The Urban renewal cleared area is a continuum starting about 1958 with the South Auditorium Area, then in 1968, the South Auditorium Area II, followed by the Albina Area which seems to be the only one under consideration. Also in the same Category is the area cleared for the never-built Mt. Hood Freeway, which cleared housing in a corridor from the river to at least 92 nd Avenue on the Eastside of Portland displacing, a second time, some people previously displaced from the Auditorium Area. To try and adjust the tolling in any way to consider this huge body of people from so long ago, who have mostly passed on, and charge the cost to others who likely did not benefit is fraught with equity and identity issues. The involved people were compensated at the time by judgements that can no better be second guessed generations later. Area mitigation should not be a consideration.

Richard Leonetti

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Equity and Mobility Advisory Committee Meeting #9 – Public Comments  
May 26, 2021

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<b>Date received</b>	4/29/2021
<b>Source</b>	Project inbox
<b>From</b>	Mary Jane Mathews

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Subject: Committee Public Comment

To whom it may concern:

I do not support using Toll Roads as a way to pay for our highways. It is not right to target a few people. We have a way now--- "Registration fees" to collect from everyone as a community. Thank you for listening to me. Mary Jane Mathews

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<b>Date received</b>	5/20/2021
<b>Source</b>	Project inbox
<b>From</b>	Emily Brault

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Subject: Committee public comment

Has there been discussion about discontinuing the tolls when monetary goals for necessary work has been reached? If so, where can I find a transcript of the discussion?

Thank you,

Emily Brault, Oregon City resident.

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<b>Date received</b>	5/20/2021
<b>Source</b>	Project inbox
<b>From</b>	Melinda Wilde

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Subject: Fw: Committee Public Comment: Opposition to Toll

[-]---- Forwarded Message ----

From: Melinda Wilde <mwilde111@yahoo.com>

To: oregontolling@odot.state.or.us <oregontolling@odot.state.or.us>

Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2021, 04:37:43 PM PDT

Subject: Proposed toll on I-205 opposition

The emails I have received make it sound like tolling on I-205 is a "done deal" regardless of those who are opposed to it. I am firmly and completely OPPOSED to tolling of any kind on Oregon roads and freeways.

It is a waste of my time to attend meetings on "equitable tolling" because I oppose tolling in any form. Once the toll is imposed, there is no going back. The toll on the Hood River Bridge was supposed to be temporary and equitable. It was neither. The government is sees tolling for the cash cow that it is and gives nothing in return except fast passage for those it deems worthy of discounts. Rarely private individuals. Giving breaks to lowest income people will give them yet another incentive to remain on the government dole system rather than earning a living and contributing taxes to pay for road improvements rather than requiring tolls to pay for these costs. Government promises are seldom if ever kept and that is why the taxes already collected for road improvement have not been used for road improvements. The government will see tolling as a "cash cow" and the rates will continue to raise once imposed and I will bet the money collected will not go to road improvements but to all kinds of other "worthy" causes. This is the camel's nose in the tent and it will not end here.

Melinda Wilde

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<b>Date received</b>	5/21/2021
<b>Source</b>	Project inbox
<b>From</b>	Wrick Bartroff

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Subject: Committee Public Comment RE: Tolling Just Another Specialized Portland Project

You aren't listening to the public. You have an agenda and nothing seems to divert the initial goal of tolling motor vehicle drivers to raise funds for other than motor vehicles without cemented spending reasons or specific projects. Another attack and waste of the employed in the Portland area and diversion to the lazy.

Lost faith in you and your process.

Wrick Bartroff

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<b>Date received</b>	5/21/2021
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<b>From</b>	MF Roberts

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Subject: Committee Public Comment

Simple, no tolls period. Disband the biased group and go home. NO TOLLS PERIOD!!!!

Since you have already decided on tolls (the whole public outreach is a joke), put it to a vote of the people. You won't because you know the outcome of that vote....NO TOLLS PERIOD!

MF Roberts  
Citizen

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<b>Date received</b>	5/21/2021
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<b>From</b>	Mary Jane Mathews

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Subject: Committee Public Comment

To whom it may concern:

We have a way now to get monies for roads now; that we all use---Reg Fees. We do not need to set up another costly way to get more money. Please stop this project. Thank you for letting me speak on this matter. Mary Jane Mathews Dallas, Oregon