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TO: Oregon Transportation Commission



FROM: Kristopher W. Strickler
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SUBJECT: **Agenda Item I:** Interstate Bridge Replacement Program Update

Requested Action:

Informational Presentation to provide the OTC with an update on IBR program activities and the modified Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) for their consideration and input. As the program continues to develop the modified LPA with partner agencies, we will seek OTC feedback and guidance throughout this process.

Background:

During the last OTC update on March 10, the IBR program team presented a program update and briefing on the toll administrator Memorandum of Understanding between Oregon and Washington. The states have agreed through a signed MOU that ODOT will administer tolls on the I-5 and I-205 bridges, with continued coordination between both states and their respective transportation commissions. Tolling would begin in late 2025 to early 2026.

In May, the program team will update the OTC by highlighting recent accomplishments and upcoming decision points. The update will include a briefing on the development of the modified LPA, which will be submitted for endorsement from the eight partner agency boards and councils this summer. The update will include a high-level summary of the evaluation and findings from the design development of the program's transit, highway, and multimodal plans.

Outcomes:

As an outcome of the meeting, the OTC will hear about the components of the modified LPA including decision-points that will occur in the coming months. The modified LPA outlines main components of the program including transit mode, alignment, interchange configuration on Marine Drive and Hayden Island, a replacement bridge over the Columbia River, and variable priced tolling as a funding and congestion management mechanism. The modified LPA will be studied and refined through the NEPA process. The IBR program will present the timeline for the development of the modified LPA, the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement, and will note when the public and program partner agencies will have opportunities for further engagement and input on the program design. The OTC will have the opportunity to ask questions and discuss the analysis that will inform decision making.