

# ROAD CHARGING GRANTS 2017

## ROAD USAGE CHARGE AS A FUNDING OPTION FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

The U.S. Department of Transportation awarded Oregon a FAST Act grant of \$2.3 million to enhance Oregon's existing road usage charge program (OReGO). The grant will help expand the state's understanding of the technology used in the OReGO program and its ability to support local, state, regional and even national transportation funding needs.



### FHWA MATCH

\$2.3 million



### OREGON MATCH

**\$2.3 million**

\$2.1 million ODOT;  
\$150,000 Metro;  
\$50,000 PBOT



### WHAT THE GRANT DOES

Allows ODOT to test three scenarios and technology options for local area pricing



### WHERE

Portland Metro Area



### WHEN

Three pilots to occur simultaneously,  
November 2019 - October 2020



### WHY DO IT

Expand technology of Oregon's premier OReGO system to test if road usage charge is a viable funding option for local governments

## HOW IT WORKS

The OReGO grant will support three tests for adapting the state's road usage charge system to handle local jurisdiction funding options.

More than ever, local jurisdictions need different revenue sources to maintain their roadways as roads age and the population of Oregon grows, increasing congestion and wear and tear.

While OReGO demonstrates that road charging works for collecting state fees, it remains unproven at the local level, in terms of simultaneously collecting local fees and

accurately distributing them to jurisdictions. ODOT will conduct three local road usage charge area pricing tests, with up to 500 volunteer participants each. Each test will explore technical feasibility of various local per-mile scenarios such as: geo-fencing a city or county for additional per-mile rates during specific travel times and incentivizing freeway corridors during certain times of day for longer through trips.

ODOT is partnering with the City of Portland and Metro on the design of this pilot.



# INTEROPERABILITY BETWEEN CALIFORNIA AND OREGON

The U.S. Department of Transportation awarded RUC West a FAST Act grant of \$2,590,000 to implement a joint project with California that will integrate the states' road charging programs..



## GRANT AWARDED TO

RUC West



## FUNDING AWARDED

\$2.59 million



## RUC WEST MATCH

**\$2.66 million**

California: \$1.65 million;  
Oregon: \$900,000;  
seven member states: \$110,000

## WHAT THE GRANT DOES

Allows RUC West to conduct a regional pilot integrating the RUC systems of two states (Oregon and California), demonstrating the RUC platform as a viable interstate system for collecting road fees and refunding fuels tax credits.



## WHERE

California and Oregon,  
with drivers operating vehicles  
between the states



## WHEN

July 2019 - June 2020



## WHY DO IT

Take RUC to the regional level,  
paving the way for future state  
collaborations and ultimately, a  
national RUC system

## HOW

RUC West will test interoperability of the Oregon and California RUC systems, creating a platform that other states may join as they become ready.

A successful regional pilot will demonstrate that systems can be integrated and standardized to accommodate multiple states' requirements, processes, systems, rates, and laws.

With this agility, road usage charging can expand to include more states and eventually the nation. Further, the pilot will demonstrate that two funding mechanisms—road usage charging and fuels tax—can operate together seamlessly without double-taxing the driver.

