

Meeting #7 May 22, 2023

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# Welcome and Meeting Purpose

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### Requests from the Governor

 July 1, 2023: Provide updated finance plans for projects within ODOT's Urban Mobility Strategy

 December 15, 2023: Provide implementation reports that include ODOT's plans to mitigate diversion and address equity concerns





## I-205 Toll Project EA Comments

The idea that tolling relieves traffic is only acceptable if you negate the clear understanding that you are diverting that same traffic onto other local roadways that cannot handle the burden.

My husband and I live in Oregon City...
We have a lot of medical doctors in
Tualatin and do not have extra money for
road taxes. We are both in our 70's and it
would be a hardship on our set
incomes.

Please don't make Oregon a toll road state. All governments ever want is more and more money. Live within the massive amount of money we already give to you.





### I-205 Toll Project EA: Most Common Themes

- 1. Diversion/rerouting
- 2. Household financial impacts
- 3. Trust and accountability
- 4. Fairness
- 5. Congestion observations and impacts
- 6. Public engagement and decision process
- 7. Current taxes and use of existing revenue

I am a Clackamas County resident and delivery driver. I think these tolls are **extremely unfair**, especially to people like me. I go over the bridge several times a day on occasion and make only \$25 an hour before taxes, gas and wear and tear on my car.

Nobody likes traffic. Nobody likes congestion on their local streets. Believe me, I have it. **But tolling is the one way that might get our freeways functional again** in this area and pay for the infrastructure that they need.

It feels as if this tolling idea is being **shoved down our throats**. While it appears this tolling idea is not popular or wanted by the vast majority your intention of proceeding demonstrates how **government officials don't care** about the impact on peoples live don't really care about our opinions or feedback.









 We will start with those who are providing public comment in person. Then we will move to those who have raised their hands to comment virtually.



 We will call on you when it is your turn to speak. Please raise your virtual hand so the Project Team can unmute you when they call on you.

#### To provide comments at any time:

**Email** <u>oregontolling@odot.oregon.gov</u> with "RTAC Public Comment" in subject line to provide written comments. **Call** 503-837-3536 and state "RTAC Public Comment" in your message to provide verbal comments. Thank you for your participation.





### RTAC next steps

Next meeting: June 26, 2023

Complete meeting evaluation

