

# I-205 Toll Project

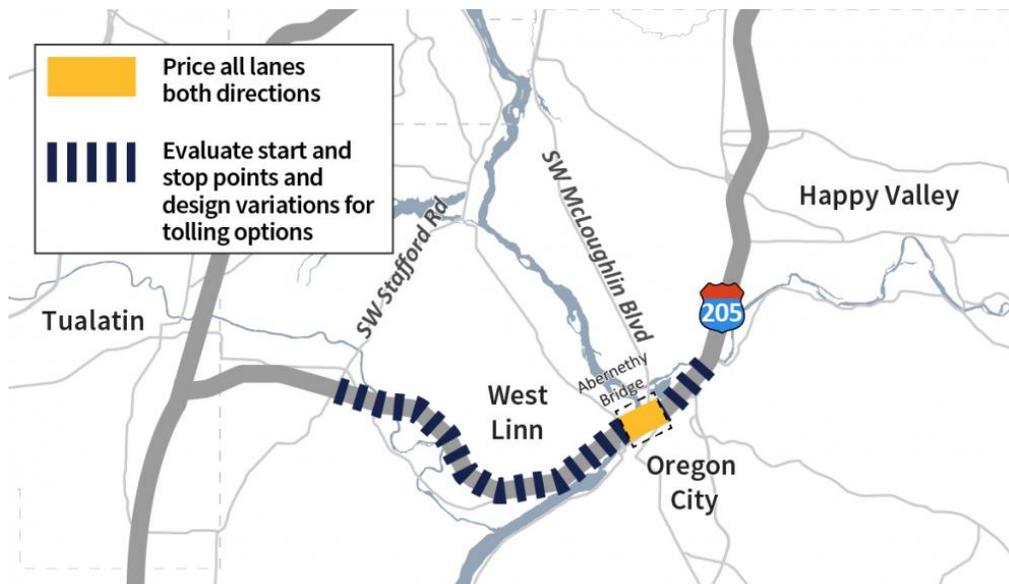
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More cars are using our roads every year. Even though we're not seeing as much demand for travel in the Portland metro area right now because of COVID-19 restrictions, we expect congestion will return as more people begin to travel again. When that occurs, our transportation system needs to serve the people and economy of Oregon.

The I-205 Toll Project was identified as one way to raise revenue and improve congestion in the Portland metro area. This project would toll all lanes of I-205 on or near the Abernethy Bridge to both manage congestion and raise revenue. Revenue generated by these tolls could help fund improvements on I-205 between Stafford Road and OR 213, including seismic strengthening of the Abernethy Bridge.

Tolls would vary by time of day and would be collected electronically without requiring drivers to stop. By charging higher tolls during times when the most people want to travel, drivers who have flexibility in their schedules are more likely to adjust their travel and free up highway space for those who need it most.



Tell us about how you use I-205, and let us know what you think about the project we are considering. This survey will be open through September 16, 2020. Your feedback at this early stage in the environmental review process will help us design a project that best meets community needs.

**1) How often do you drive on I-205?**

- Daily
- Three to four times a week
- One or two times a week
- Less than once a week
- I never drive on I-205

**How would tolls affect you?**

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We want to be sure we're considering all the ways tolls could affect all members of our community, especially those who currently have limited travel choices based on where they live, their incomes or travel needs.

Help us make sure we're considering all potential impacts and benefits of tolling by sharing your experiences with us.

**2) The community has identified some concerns and opportunities with tolls. Which do you feel is most important to address? (Check all that apply)**

- Minimize the impact on people of low income or otherwise underserved
- Reduce traffic congestion
- Minimize negative diversion to local streets
- Make the pricing system easy to understand and use
- Provide alternative, non-tolled driving routes
- Provide more transit, bicycle and walking options
- Make sure revenue is used to provide benefits to those currently and historically underserved by the transportation system.
- Other - Write In:

**3) What should we consider to address the concerns and opportunities you checked above?**

## **The purpose and need for the project**

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The purpose identifies what the project must accomplish. Different alternatives will be studied to make sure they address the project purpose. The proposed project purpose is:

**The purpose of the I-205 Toll Project is to manage congestion on I-205 between Stafford Road and OR 213 and raise revenue to fund congestion relief projects through the application of variable-rate tolls.**

Variable rate tolls are user fees that vary in amount based on certain conditions (e.g. time of day, day of week, direction of travel). Variable-rate tolls can occur on a fixed schedule that is known to travelers.

While travel is temporarily reduced due to COVID-19, we will continue to work on long-term solutions. We think the five major reasons this project is needed are:

- Population growth contributes to increasing congestion
- Traffic congestion results in unreliable travel
- Traffic congestion impacts freight movement
- Traffic congestion contributes to climate change
- Critical projects to manage congestion need funding for construction

**4) Please indicate your level of agreement with this statement: “The draft purpose and draft need for the I-205 Toll Project reflects problems in the I-205 corridor and the reasons for moving forward with the project.”**

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree
- No opinion

5) If you selected “disagree” or “strongly disagree,” please tell us why you feel this way.

## Draft goals

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Goals describe the outcomes we’d like to see the I-205 Toll Project achieve. They will be used to compare alternatives under study. The I-205 Toll Project’s draft goals are to:

- Provide equitable benefits for all users
- Limit additional traffic diversion from I-205 to adjacent roads and neighborhoods
- Support safe travel regardless of mode of transportation
- Improve air quality and reduce contributions to climate change effects
- Support multi-modal transportation choices
- Support regional economic growth
- Support travel demand management
- Maximize integration with future toll systems
- Maximize interoperability with other transportation systems

6) Please indicate your level of agreement with this statement: “The project's draft goals are right for the I-205 Toll Project and they describe the desirable outcomes that the project should strive to achieve.”

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree
- No opinion

7) If you selected “disagree” or “strongly disagree,” please tell us why you feel this way.

## **Draft alternatives**

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Alternatives are different ways that tolls could be set up on I-205 near the Abernethy Bridge. We've been studying five alternatives to see which ones would be best to study in more detail in the environmental review process. These alternatives include:

<b>Alternative</b>	<b>Considerations</b>
<b>Alternative 1: Toll on the Abernethy Bridge</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Simple to understand and implement.</li> <li>• Limited ability to manage traffic demand.</li> <li>• Concentrated diversion through Oregon City.</li> </ul>
<b>Alternative 2: Toll the Abernethy Bridge, with tolling gantries off bridge</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refinement of Alternative 1.</li> <li>• Designed to limit diversion of through trips on I-205.</li> </ul>
<b>Alternative 3: Individually toll multiple bridges to be rebuilt</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tolls on reconstructed bridges over Tualatin River and Willamette River.</li> <li>• Split toll amount between two locations.</li> <li>• Through trip pays more than local access trip.</li> </ul>

Alternative	Considerations
<b>Alternative 4: Segment-based tolls - Stafford Road to OR 213</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Toll split across four segments: amount paid depends on number of segments traveled.</li> <li>Most flexible for traffic operations management.</li> <li>More complex pricing structure to communicate to users.</li> </ul>
<b>Alternative 5: Single zone toll - Stafford Road to OR 213</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One toll rate for all trips entering toll zone.</li> <li>Through trips pay the same as local access trips.</li> <li>More complex implementation because of the multiple toll points.</li> </ul>

We've also scored alternatives against one another based on five different criteria. The results of this scoring are included in the table below:

### Performance Comparison Summary

Category	Alternative 1 and Alternative 2	Alternative 3	Alternative 4	Alternative 5
Transportation Demand	<b>Worse</b> compared to other alternatives	<b>Average</b> compared to other alternatives	<b>Average</b> compared to other alternatives	<b>Better</b> compared to other alternatives
I-205 Traffic	<b>Average</b> compared to other alternatives	<b>Average</b> compared to other alternatives	<b>Worse</b> compared to other alternatives	<b>Better</b> compared to other alternatives
Diversion Effects	<b>Average</b> compared to other alternatives	<b>Average</b> compared to other alternatives	<b>Average</b> compared to other alternatives	<b>Average</b> compared to other alternatives
Cost and Revenue	<b>Worse</b> compared to other alternatives	<b>Better</b> compared to other alternatives	<b>Much better</b> compared to other alternatives	<b>Average</b> compared to other alternatives
Implementation and Operations	<b>Average</b> compared to other alternatives	<b>Much better</b> compared to other alternatives	<b>Better</b> compared to other alternatives	<b>Much worse</b> compared to other alternatives

Following scoring, we think that Alternative 3 and Alternative 4 seem to be the best alternatives to meet the project purpose and need and goals. We plan to study these two alternatives in more detail, as well as looking at a No toll option (which is required to be studied).

**8) Please indicate your level of agreement with this statement: “The recommended alternatives provide satisfactory options to study in-depth in the environmental review.”**

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly disagree
- No opinion

**9) If you selected “disagree” or “strongly disagree,” please tell us why you feel this way.**

### **Additional considerations**

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**10) What else would you like the project team to know or consider when planning the I-205 Toll Project?**

## Demographic questions

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These questions are designed to help us understand whether our outreach in the community is working. Please tell us a little about yourself and your relationship to the area. You can opt out of any question.

### 11) What is your zip code?

### 12) How do you travel most of the time? (select all that apply)

- Public transportation
- Bike
- Walk
- Car
- Other - Write In:

### 13) How do you identify your race/ethnicity? (select all that apply)

- African
- African American/Black
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Hispanic/Latin American

- Indigenous Central or South American
- Middle Eastern
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- Slavic
- White/Caucasian
- Prefer not to Answer
- Prefer to self-describe - Write In:

**14) Gender**

- Female
- Non binary or gender non-conforming
- Male
- Prefer not to answer
- Prefer to self-describe - Write In:

**15) Age**

- 16 to 24
- 25 to 34
- 35 to 44
- 45 to 54
- 55 to 65
- 65 or older
- Prefer not to answer

**16) Annual household income**

- Up to \$49,999 per year
- \$50,000 to \$89,999 per year
- More than \$90,000 per year
- Prefer not to answer

## How would you like to stay involved?

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17) Your input is important to us. How would you like to stay informed about your community? (Select all that apply)

- Social media
- Mailed newsletter
- Emailed newsletter
- TV or radio? (please indicate which stations)  
Write In:
- Newspaper or blog? (please indicate which media)  
Write In:
- Through community organizations (please name)  
Write In:
- Public meetings
- Website
- City or county council presentations
- Other - Write In:

**Thank you for sharing your ideas with us! We appreciate the thoughts that you shared and we will consider them as we continue the environmental review process.**

For more information...

- Visit the [I-205 Toll Project](#) and the [I-5 Toll Project websites](#)
- View the [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- Learn about the [I-205 Improvements corridor projects](#)
- [Sign up for email updates](#)
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