

# Regional Toll Advisory Committee

Meeting #12

January 22, 2024

David Kim, Facilitator

# Technical Info

- This meeting is being hosted via Zoom webinar and being live-streamed on YouTube.
- RTAC Members are participating in person and virtually.
- For all others watching virtually, video and chat are disabled, and attendees are muted.

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# Agenda

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# **Welcome**

**Kris Strickler, ODOT**

# **RTAC 2024 Workplan Update**

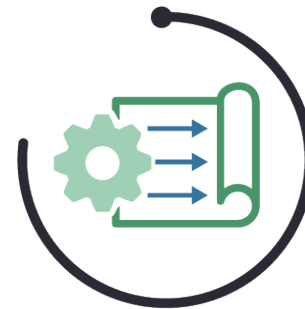
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# Charter Questions

1. What opportunities exist to accelerate the schedule for delivery of the Regional Mobility Pricing Project to reduce the implementation gap between RMPP and the I-205 Toll Project?
2. What partnerships should ODOT and local jurisdictions pursue for short-term and long-term monitoring of mitigation strategies to address negative impacts from diversion to low-income workers, small businesses, neighborhoods, local roads and the broader transportation system?
3. What partnerships and resources should ODOT and local public transportation providers pursue to make public transportation and multimodal travel a viable alternative to driving on I-5 and I-205?

# Charter Questions

4. Does the committee agree that the proposed action for the Regional Mobility Pricing Project aligns with state goals detailed in the Oregon Highway Plan and regional goals in the 2023 Regional Transportation Plan?
5. What criteria should OTC consider when allocating toll revenue within corridors, consistent with the Oregon Highway Plan and other policies?



# Workplan Update

Meeting Timing	Topic
<b>Meeting 12</b> <b>(Jan. 22, 2024)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Review 2024 RTAC Workplan</li><li>• Workshop and discussion: RTAC goals for net toll revenue allocation</li><li>• Update on Adaptive Traffic Management Framework</li></ul>
<b>Meeting 13</b> <b>(March 18, 2024)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discuss and recommend Adaptive Traffic Management Framework</li><li>• Update on RMPP NEPA Options refinement status</li><li>• ODOT Advisory Committee DEI Training</li></ul>
<b>Meeting 14</b> <b>(May 20, 2024)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discussion on OTC guidance on net toll revenue allocation</li><li>• Review RMPP toll scenarios trade off analysis and discuss draft findings</li></ul>



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<b>Meeting 15 (July 2024)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discuss draft net toll revenue allocation criteria</li><li>• Review PTS and Nexus status and provide input to inform next steps for partnerships</li><li>• Introduce RMPP Proposed Action process for alignment with OHP and RTP</li></ul>
<b>Meeting 16 (September 2024)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Recommendation on criteria for allocation of net toll revenue</li><li>• Finalize memo on RMPP Proposed Action process for alignment with OHP and RTP</li></ul>

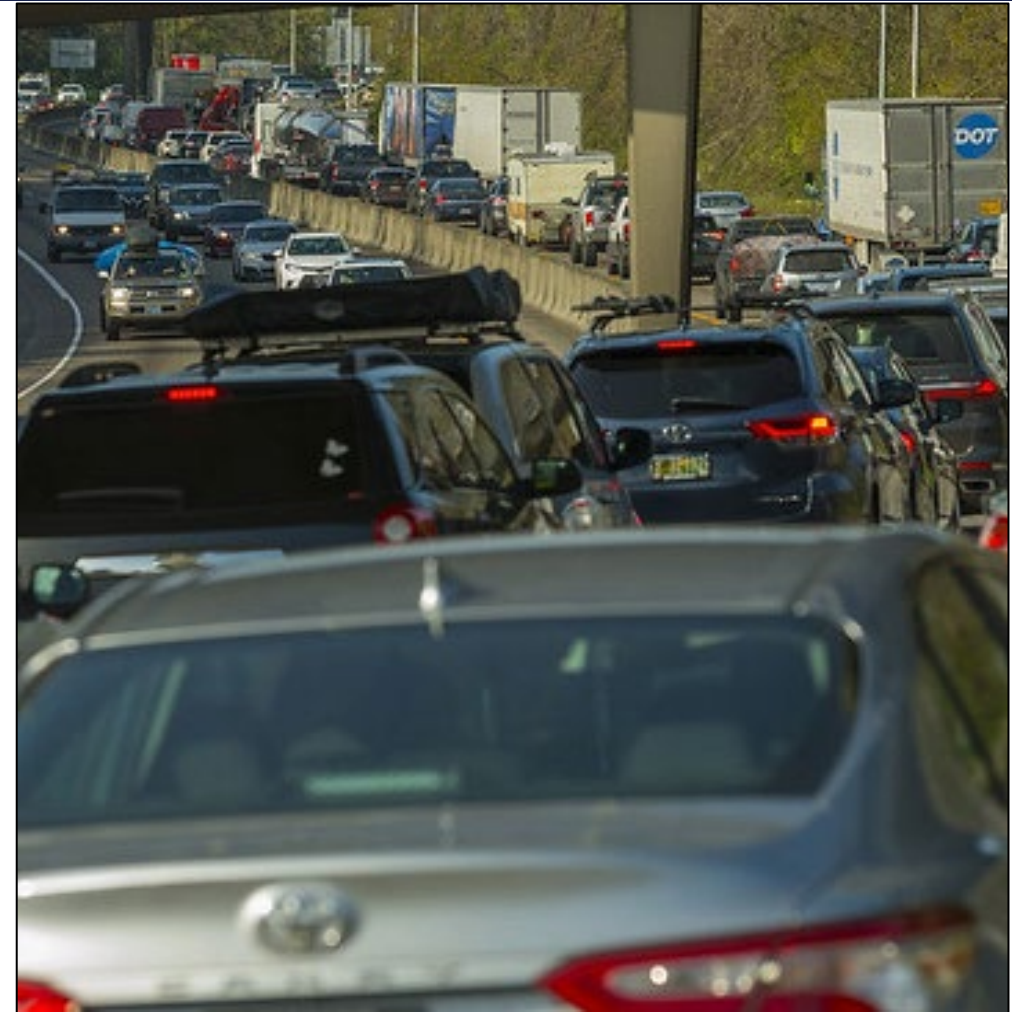
# **Introduction to Net Toll Revenue Allocation**

**Brendan Finn, ODOT**

# Federal Legal Requirements for Allocating Toll Revenue

Federal law (23 USC 129) limits the use of toll revenue:

- Debt service on projects for which the tolls are authorized
- Maintenance, reconstruction, and rehabilitation of the toll road
- Other federally-eligible purposes if the road is being adequately maintained



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# State Legal Requirements for Allocating Toll Revenue

Oregon Constitution limits use of toll revenue for highway purposes

State law (ORS 383) directs toll revenue to:

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- Investments in tollway projects (including maintenance and operations)
- Investments on adjacent roads to address impacts of toll project





# OTC Policy: Oregon Highway Plan Amendments – Approved Jan. 2023

Use of Revenue section requires that funds must be used within the project corridor and that ODOT address impacts to neighborhood health and safety within the corridor through mitigation investments

Sets forth a hierarchy of toll revenue allocation:

- 13. First, cover the cost of the tolling system
- Second, for revenue focused tolling, pay for the project, including mitigation and O&M; for congestion focused pricing, manage congestion through multimodal investments
- Third, meet any additional system performance metrics defined for the corridor



# Discussion

**Brendan Finn, ODOT**

**Councilor Christine Lewis, Metro**

**Jon Isaacs, Portland Metro Chamber**

# Public comment



- 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.

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## To provide comments at any time:

**Email** [oregontolling@odot.oregon.gov](mailto:oregontolling@odot.oregon.gov) 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.

# **Project Updates**

**James Paulson, EMAC Liaison**

**Mandy Putney, ODOT**



# EMAC Report-Out

## EMAC Meeting #26: December 4, 2023

- Provided input on key components of the Low-Income Toll Program (geographic scope, benefit type, and discount level)
- Received an overview of ODOT's Implementation Plan and Strategic Action Plan

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## Upcoming Meetings

- January 31, 2024



**James Paulson**

# Engagement Activities: Public and Equity-Focused

**88** focus group participants



**22** community-based organization participants



**4,712** tabling event attendees



**94** trucking meeting participants



# Toll Rules: Next Steps

- Department of Justice review and prepare for public engagement (January - February)
- Publish with Secretary of State (March)
- Public comment period (April)
- Revise rules based on comments (May)
- OTC review and adoption (June)



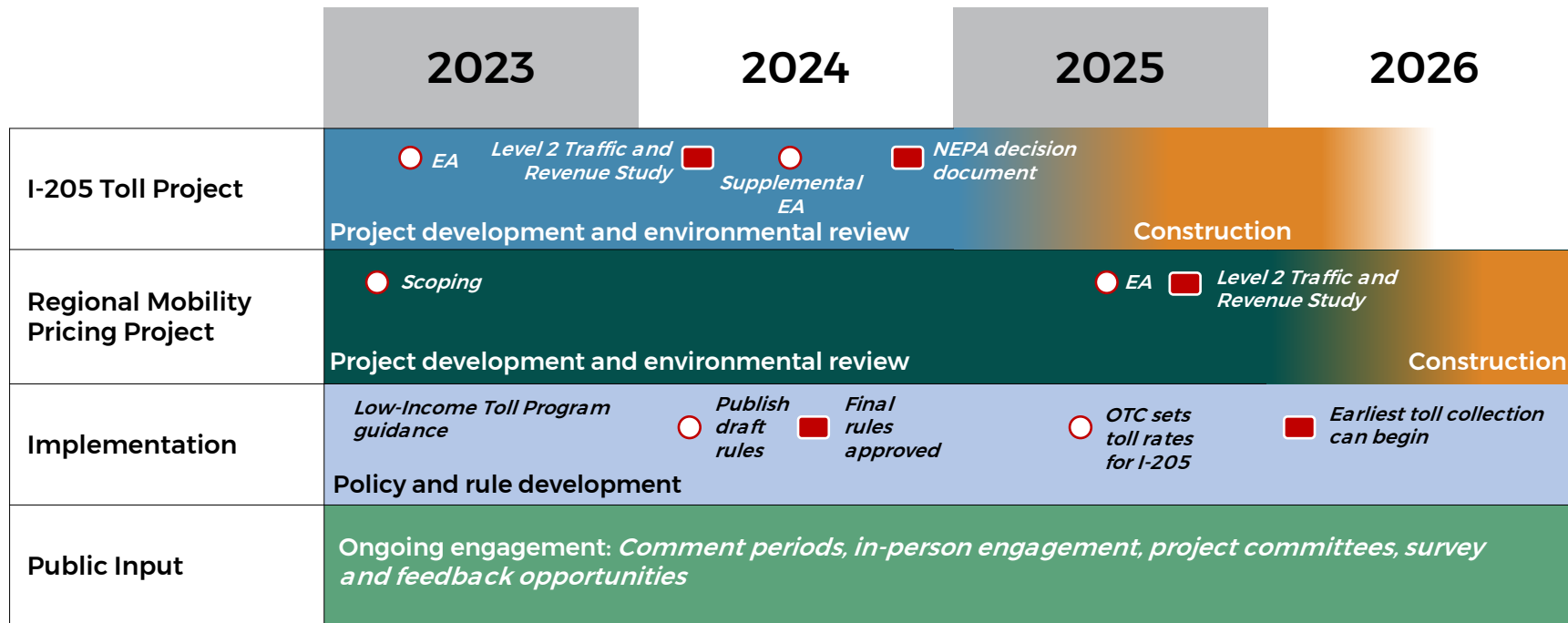
# Low Income Toll Program Updates

- Residents of Oregon and Washington State able to enroll
- The benefit will be a percentage discount
- Commitment to implement a 50% discount for customers whose income is up to 200% Federal Poverty Level (FPL)
- Commitment to study 10% and 25% discounts for 300% FPL and 400% FPL in further traffic and revenue studies to inform OTC's decision whether to offer this tier



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# Project Schedule Updates



Schedule updated January 2024.  
Subject to change

○ Public comment opportunity  
■ Project milestone

EA: Environmental Assessment

Scoping: Initiate environmental review

NEPA: National Environmental Policy Act

OTC: Oregon Transportation Commission

# Reflection and next steps

- **Next meeting: March 18, 2024**
- Complete meeting evaluation



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