

Oregon Toll Program

Committee Questions and Requests Matrix



ODOT is committed to tracking and following up on all questions and requests we've received from the Equity and Mobility Advisory Committee. This matrix is a living document to be updated after each committee meeting. The matrix includes two tables. The first table lists specific information requests and action items requested by the committee. The second table compiles project recommendations and ideas we have received from the committee and documents how the project team is responding. Questions and requests that are complete are highlighted grey.

TIMING KEY

N/A: No Additional Action Needed. **Near Term:** Zero to six months. **Long Term:** Six months to one year.

EQUITY AND MOBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REQUEST AND ODOT'S RESPONSE MATRIX

Date	EMAC	ODOT	Timing	Responsible	Status	Topic
5/5/21	Request for more information related to the funding mechanisms ODOT has available for transit and multimodal investments. Specifically, how could the Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) be used?	<p>ODOT agrees with the importance to provide EMAC as much detail as possible about the commitments, which further details will be provided to EMAC before their recommendation to the Oregon Transportation Commission in November. We are working with EMAC and our partners to understand the existing resources and needs to inform commitments that will occur as the toll project's progress through the environmental review process.</p> <p>The mention of STIF was to communicate to EMAC that ODOT could have a path for funding transit service. If additional dollars from tolling come into the system, this would free up dollars that could be shifted over to STIF or the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Travis Brower talked about this type of funding swap at an earlier EMAC meeting (video).</p>	Long Term	ODOT	Ongoing	Transit and Multimodal

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4/28/21	Will transit ridership account for SMART riders and shuttles? All levels of transit?	Transit ridership covers fixed-route buses and trains operated by TriMet, CTRAN, SMART, ODOT, and others. Flexible route, on demand, paratransit, shuttles, vanpools, ride-hailing are included with the high occupancy vehicle travel data, along with automobiles with additional passengers, in the regional travel demand model. Through our surveying and Transit Multimodal Work Group, we will work to capture additional data not picked up in the regional travel model.	Long Term	ODOT	Ongoing	Policy
4/28/21	What will be the registration process for exemption of vanpools and carpools?	ODOT is researching the existing process in Oregon for vanpool and carpool registration. If exemptions are granted, ODOT will have a process for registration developed in coordination with service providers.	Long Term	ODOT	Ongoing	Strategy

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4/28/21	<p>How is net toll revenue defined? Are bondholders paid prior to net revenue?</p>	<p>Net toll revenue is what remains from the gross toll revenue collected from users after paying for the routine annual roadway and toll collection operations and maintenance (O&M) expenses. When tolls are used to provide funding for capital improvements or investments with financing (such as bonds), the lenders or bondholders typically require that the O&M costs be paid first, ahead of debt service.</p> <p>Other required uses of net toll revenues after debt service may include deposits to various reserve accounts (e.g. periodic repair and replacement costs or a “rainy day fund” should toll revenues be temporarily disrupted).</p>	N/A	ODOT	Ongoing	Policy

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3/31/21	Timing of project and ability to adjust	The I-5/I-205 Regional Toll Project is about a year behind the I-205 Toll Project. As the project progresses through the environmental review process into 2023 and 2024, there will be an ability for the project to adjust to incorporate transit and multimodal investments. Information on timing and all documents associated with the projects are on the Oregon Toll Program webpage.	Long Term	Project Team	Ongoing	Project duration
3/31/21	Request for updates on the current Legislative session	ODOT will provide EMAC with ongoing updates on the Legislative session.	Ongoing	ODOT	Ongoing	Legislature
3/31/21	How can investments be made in Washington (CTRAN)?	If there were transit vehicle exemptions, this would be tied to the vehicle transponder and provided for CTRAN vehicles. We are working with partners to determine how investment in transit or multimodal infrastructure could occur across state lines.	Long Term	ODOT	Ongoing	Transit and Multimodal

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10/14/20	Request for project team to talk with people with a lived experience with disability about how they would like to be engaged, including TriMet's Committee for Accessible Transportation.	The project team met with a contact from the committee and discussed ideas for engaging people living with a disability. Recommendations included working directly with an organization that supports people living with a disability to advise on engagement best practices, share information and help collect input for the project. The team still needs to meet with TriMet's Committee for Accessible Transportation. The team presented to TriMet's CBO meeting and received feedback that discussion groups were a great tool for getting information out and in with underserved communities.	Near term	Project team	Ongoing	Public involvement
10/14/20	Request to lower reading level for all future public documents.	The project team will continue to work to use plain language in future committee materials.	Near Term	Project team	Ongoing	Public involvement
4/28/21	How will feedback from the EMAC meeting be incorporated into the performance measures, policies, and strategies.	EMAC feedback will be used to update the performance measures, policies, and strategies. Updated materials will be presented to EMAC at the May meeting.	N/A	Project Team	Complete	Policy/Strategy/ Performance Measures

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3/31/21	Committee members asked how can money go towards transit or multimodal with constitutional restrictions?	We developed a Toll Guardrails and History document that provides further detail on the Oregon constitutional restrictions and ability to invest in transit and multimodal.	Near Term	ODOT	Complete	Transit and Multimodal
3/31/21	Will ODOT consider what jobs people are traveling for and who is unable to use transit?	Measurements for job access and coordination with transit will be studied as is identified in project environmental review documents (see I-205 Performance Measures). Additional data on the analysis of job commuting patterns today is described in the I-205 Corridor User Analysis.	N/A	Project Team	Complete	Accessibility
3/31/21	What have other toll projects done?	We have prepared a Tolls, Transit, and Multimodal: Policy and Research document, where we highlight examples for both regional and bridge replacement or shorter-length toll projects and their coordination with transit and multimodal investment.	N/A	Project Team	Complete	Tolling

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3/31/21	Is the project looking at a system/entry point to access all of those services; incorporated with the HOP PASS program?	Interoperability among California and Washington, as well as with mobility service providers like TriMet is identified in state law and in project documents (see I-205 Purpose and Need Statement) as a goal of the Oregon Toll Program. Through working with our partners, we are hoping to have a system that makes a seamless transition between tolling and mobility service providers like transit.	N/A	ODOT	Complete	Transit and Multimodal
3/31/21	Will ODOT update transit assumptions and planning post-COVID?	We are planning for the long-term and looking out 25 years. As more people become vaccinated and the economy reopens, vehicle numbers are increasing. Already, traffic counts are about 90% of pre-pandemic levels. We anticipate congestion to quickly return as people resume commuting to work and school.	N/A	Project Team	Complete	Data

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8/26/20	Additional information about Streetlight data and how Streetlight controls for people who do not have smart phones. Do they gather data only from people driving in cars or anyone with a smart phone?	Project team prepared a one-page summary of the methodology to share with committee prior to meeting #4. See Committee Meeting #3 supplemental materials on the committee webpage.	Near Term	Project modeling specialists	Complete	Data
8/26/20	Request to recruit additional committee members with lived experience of a disability.	The project will not be adding members to the Equity and Mobility Advisory Committee. The project team provided potential supplemental strategies to include voices from this community such as: interviews, surveys, creating a panel, and focused discussion groups.	Near Term	Project team	Complete	Committee processes
7/28/20	Request for more information about who created the draft I-205 and I-5 Toll Projects' Equity Framework, which ODOT staff reviewed, and what their understanding of what equity is.	Project team provided more information on the draft toll projects' equity framework authors and the equity team.	Near Term	Project team	Complete	Draft toll project's equity framework

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7/28/20	Request for information of the engagement planned for people who are visually or hearing impaired.	All public materials created by the Oregon Toll Program are readable for visually impaired people using screen readers and all project videos and meeting recordings are captioned. The project team will continue to implement best practices to engage people who are visually or hearing impaired.	Near Term	Project team	Complete	Public involvement

IDEAS/RECOMMENDATIONS

The following is a compiled list of recommendations and ideas received through the Equity and Mobility Advisory Committee:

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4/28/21	Add another section to the Policy and Strategy options document – Alternative Funding dedication – describes dedication of other dollars towards strategies that advance equity that are not eligible for toll dollars.	Included in the EMAC Policy and Strategy recommendations will be additional information provided from ODOT about how the action is advancing equity and who is responsible and involved. Included in responsibility, will be details about the funding path to achieve the action.	Near Term	Project Team		Policy/Strategy
3/31/21	Recommendation to create a FAQ that responds to public comments EMAC receives with information available to date.	The project team will consider this and follow up with more information.	Near term	Project team	In process	Public involvement
10/14/20	Create an accessible one page summary of draft toll projects' equity framework.	Committee members volunteered to assist with this effort.	Near term	Interested committee members	In process	Public involvement

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7/28/20	Evaluate compensating people who participate in engagement activities.	ODOT is actively working to determine opportunities to provide incentives to people for their time for different types of engagement, including for discussion group participants and for survey completion, and eventually for in-person events. The project team will provide information to the committee when further details are available.	Near Term	Project team	In Progress	Public involvement
10/14/20	Request to share employee travel data compiled by James Paulson from meeting #4.	Materials will be shared with the committee in the supplemental materials for Meeting #6.	Near term	Project team	Complete	Materials shared by committee members
8/26/20	Request to examine Health Impact Assessments as a tool for committee work.	The project team incorporated assessment of health impacts into the I-205 performance measures. The team will continue to evaluate other means to evaluate health impacts and will continue to discuss with the committee.	Near Term	Project team	Complete	Performance measures

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8/26/20	Share Health Impact Assessment for San Francisco Road Pricing Project.	See Committee Meeting #3 supplemental materials on the committee webpage.	Near Term	Project team	Complete	Materials shared by committee members
8/26/20	Share the Southwest Washington Accountable Community of Health (SWACH) Policy Committee Criteria Tool with the committee for consideration as a policy evaluation tool.	See Committee Meeting #3 supplemental materials on the committee webpage	Near Term	Committee	Complete	Materials shared by committee members
7/28/20	ODOT should have a phone line with interpreters or translators ready to answer questions in multiple languages.	ODOT already provides this service to callers who call in through the main number through a professional translation service.	N/A	Project team	Complete	Public involvement