Oregon Toll Program

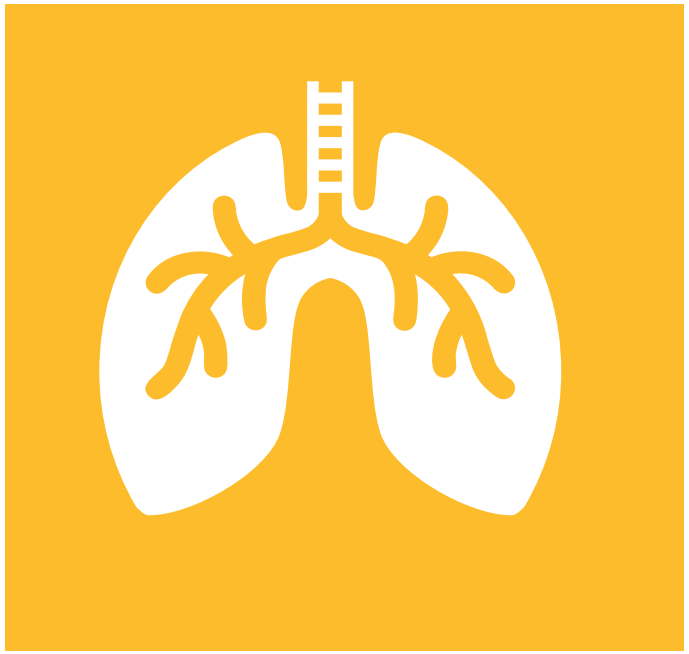
Equity and Mobility Advisory Committee Meeting #7

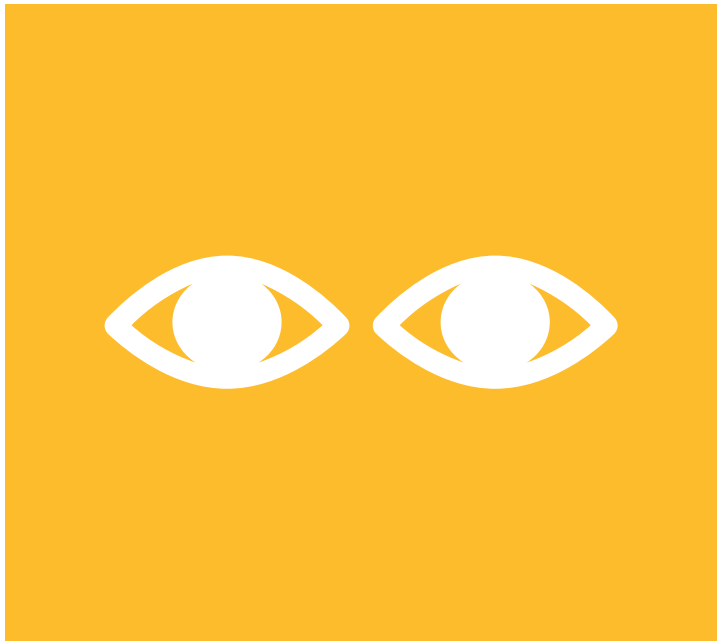
Wednesday, March 31, 2021

Facilitator: Jessica Stanton

Oregon Department of Transportation

Centering Exercise





Welcome and Technical Info

We will be recording the entire meeting.

What you say is part of the public record and open to public records requests through the Oregon Public Records and Meetings Law.

We will post the recordings on the Equity and Mobility Advisory Committee webpage at OregonTolling.org.

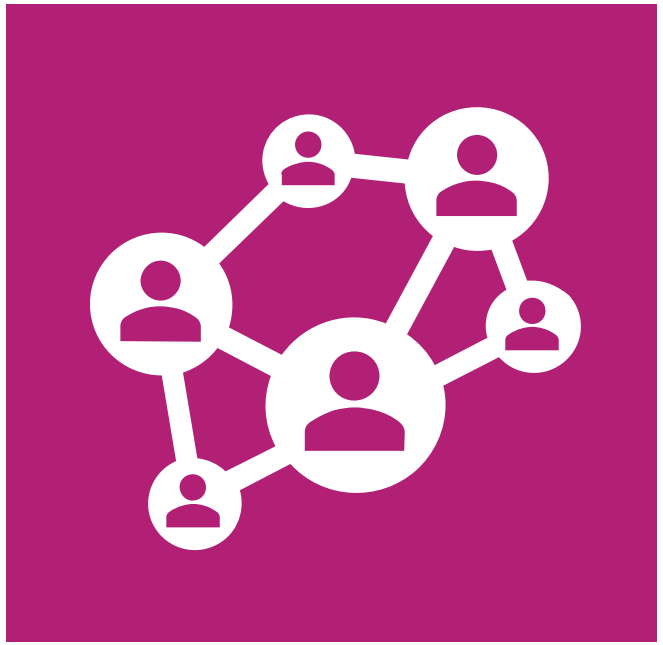
Tech help?

Contact Nick at
505-870-4449
Nick.Fazio@wsp.com

Jessica Stanton – EMAC Facilitator

- Acknowledging your excellent work
- Leveraging the foundation to go forward
- Build partnerships to further equity
- Keeping our eyes on the prize
- Let’s lead with Equity, now!

Working Together Agreements



Meeting Purpose

Transitioning from process to outcome equity.

Last EMAC meeting

- Process Equity Performance Measures Workshop
- Metro Regional Congestion Pricing Study
- Update on I-205 and I-5/I-205 Toll Projects

Proposed Outcomes

1. **Gain EMAC support to move forward** with the Process Equity Performance Measures and EMAC Game Plan
2. **Identify the information and support** needed for EMAC to achieve success
3. **Understand how the Equity Framework will be applied** to policy development and toll projects
4. **Hear from the public and EMAC members** about what is being talked about in the community

Agenda

1. EMAC Game Plan Report Back and Overview
2. EMAC Game Plan Workshop
3. I-205 and I-5/I-205 Toll Projects Update
4. Process Equity Performance Measures
5. Public Comment and Committee Report Out
6. Next Steps and Closing

EMAC Report Back

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How we changed what we're doing

What we were thinking

What we learned from conversations

General Support for the EMAC Game Plan

- Simplify graphic
- Appreciated depth of information in Game Plan Schedule
- Policy and mitigation clarification was helpful
- Highlight importance of the Equitable Toll Report
- Map out tolling decisions and decision-making process
- Important to build time in EMAC's work to go to the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) and have follow up meetings
- How will EMAC's work be more than a document

- Created graphic to help communication of EMAC's work
- Updated the schedule to include information on tolling decisions and the decision-making process
- Recreated the EMAC input graphic into the Equity Framework in Action to better explain how the Equity Framework will be applied
- Continuing to work through how we ensure that EMAC's work will be more than a document

Use the EMAC Network

- EMAC network: PBOT's POEM, Latino Network of Portland, Getting There Together coalition, SW Washington health, Causa outreach to workers, Beyond Black CDC outreach in East Portland/Gresham, Safe Routes to School, Oregon Walks, Washington and Clackamas county governments, and the Oregon Environmental Council
- Give priority to what everyday people are talking about – show a tangible benefit that ODOT tolling produced in the community on day 1
- Highlight opportunities for ODOT to team with community-based organizations (CBOs) for tolling outreach

- Incorporating perspectives and expertise from the EMAC network into our work and meetings
- Checking in with our toll project community engagement to identify opportunities to team with CBOs
- Continuing to think about how to communicate benefits and clarify mitigation and policy commitments so that tangible benefits are clear
- Thinking about how EMAC or community workshop meetings might be used to hold space for community dialogue

Develop Relationships and Understanding

- Important for EMAC and OTC to understand each other before being asked to make policy commitments
- EMAC to understand OTC's constraints and priorities it is trying to balance
- Constitutional restriction on funding, as well as other federal-state regulations or policies (HB2017)
- Value Pricing Feasibility Analysis policy direction on tolling
- Explore adding EMAC and OTC connection time before decision-making recommendations in the fall/early next year

- We are thinking about ways to build relationships between the OTC and EMAC throughout the next 6 months
- May 2021 will be a brief update from an EMAC member(s) to OTC about the Equity Framework
- We will provide educational materials on the background of OTC constraints and priorities to balance in policy decision-making
- Use videos or time in between EMAC meetings to deep dive on regulatory or technical information

Applying the Equity Framework

- Need to understand how the Equity Framework is being applied
- Communicate structure of NEPA before asking for comments on performance measures (tree analogy)
- Clarify coordination between policy actions and project decisions

- Standing updates at EMAC meetings to highlight how the Equity Framework is being applied and ask for feedback
- EMAC workshops or sub-team meetings to go through details with the Project Team
- When discussing a topic (transit), make the connection between policy actions and project decisions

Understand Coordination

- Congestion pricing/tolling studies at PBOT and Metro - interested in looping back on Metro's study
- ODOT projects and equity committees: Rose Quarter and Interstate Bridge Replacement
- Other equitable mobility committees: Vancouver and Tigard

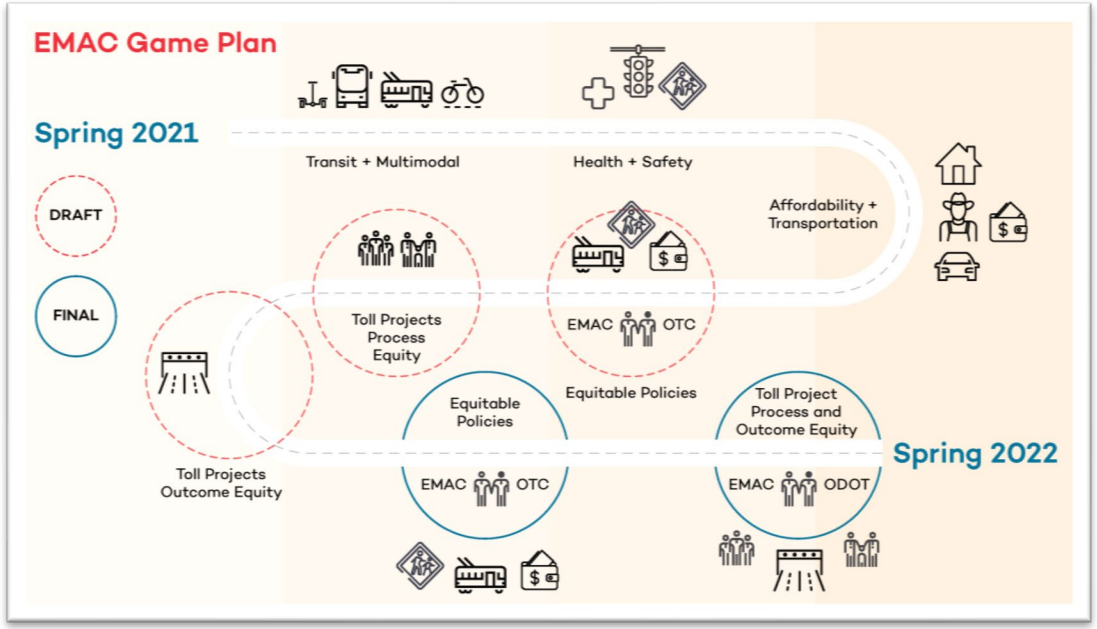
- Incorporating perspectives and expertise from the EMAC network into our work and meetings
- Thinking about how to provide connections and lessons learned between EMAC and other ODOT or local committees
- Thinking about how to best provide information on how tolls are being coordinated with other ODOT projects

EMAC Facilitation Feedback

- Enjoyed centering exercise, space to share what people are hearing in their community, and land acknowledgement
- Shorter (end by 5pm), more engaging meetings – breakout rooms were good
- Use videos before the meeting to explain more in-depth information
- Use sub-groups or pre-meeting discussions to go through technical/dense materials
- Materials in advance and be clear about the questions where we want feedback
- Be clear about what we were thinking, what we heard, what we're going to change in practice or thinking
- Lean upon EMAC members to be responsible for coming prepared to the meeting
- Improve space for public comments and dialogue with EMAC

- Hold shorter (done by 5pm!) and engaging EMAC meetings with breakout discussions
- Prepare for "action" meetings by having smaller groups that focus on detailed or technical topics, and use videos to explain beforehand
- Thinking about how to improve space for public comments and dialogue
- Continue centering exercise and space for EMAC members to share what they are hearing in the community
- Coordinating with Tribal Governments about how to best incorporate land acknowledgement into online meetings

EMAC Game Plan Overview



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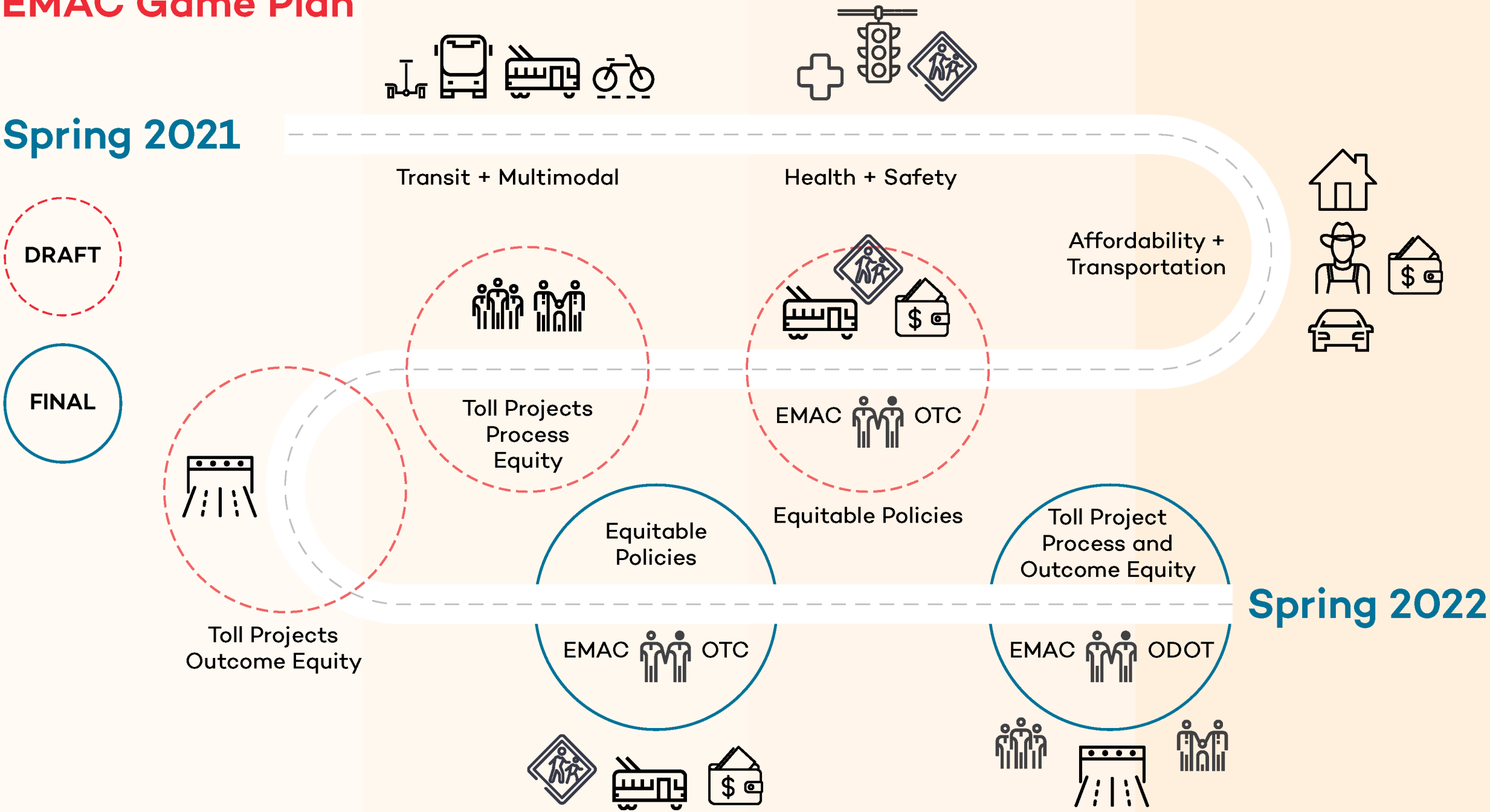
EMAC Game Plan



Are you ready to support and move forward the EMAC Game Plan?

EMAC Game Plan Workshop

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Oregon Toll Program

Equity and Mobility Advisory Committee Meeting #7 Workshop

Date	March 24, 2021
To	EMAC Members
From	Jessica Stanton and Garet Prior
Subject	Equity and Mobility Advisory Committee Game Plan Workshop

At the March 31st Equity and Mobility Advisory Committee (EMAC) meeting, we will breakout into groups to learn what equitable outcomes and opportunities are most important to you, so that we can develop an EMAC schedule to support your work.

Before the meeting, please read the questions below and feedback we have captured from past discussions with EMAC.

Breakout questions

1. **Outcomes & Opportunities**: What are the equitable outcomes and opportunities that you want to see for each of these categories?
2. **Process:** What information or support do you need from the Project Team to achieve success?

Neighborhood health and safety

- How could investments be made in Washington?
- What have other toll projects done?

30 minute Workshop

- Transit and multimodal
- Neighborhood health and safety impacts
- Affordability
- Environmental Justice

1. **What are the equitable outcomes and opportunities for each of these?**
2. **What information or support do you need from the Project Team to achieve success?**

EMAC Game Plan Workshop

Purpose: EMAC provides information to the Project Team on equitable outcomes and opportunities so that we can develop a EMAC schedule to support your work

- Zoom link for breakout groups
- Jamboard to capture group input
- Return to main EMAC meeting with original Zoom link once complete

Tech help?

Contact Nick at **505-870-4449** or Nick.Fazio@wsp.com.

EMAC is in the workshop breakout.

The committee will be back at approximately 4:25 pm.

EMAC Game Plan Report Out
Next Steps

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I-205 and I-5/I-205 Toll Projects Update

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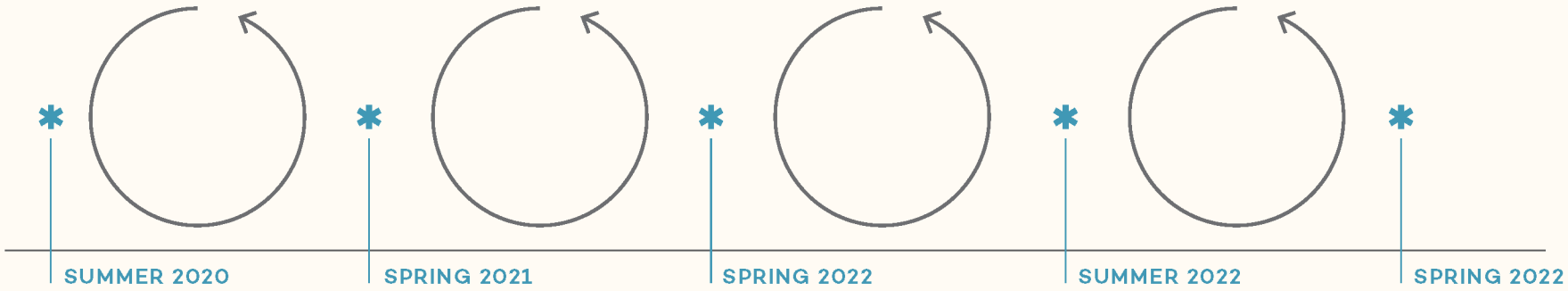
Leading with Equity: Equity Framework in Action

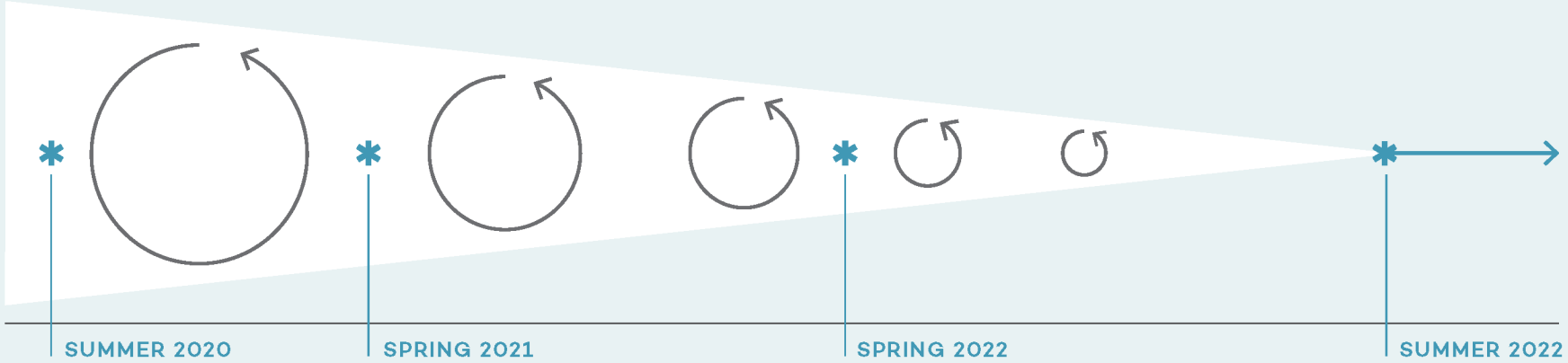
Policy & Engagement



EQUITABLE TOLL REPORT

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN

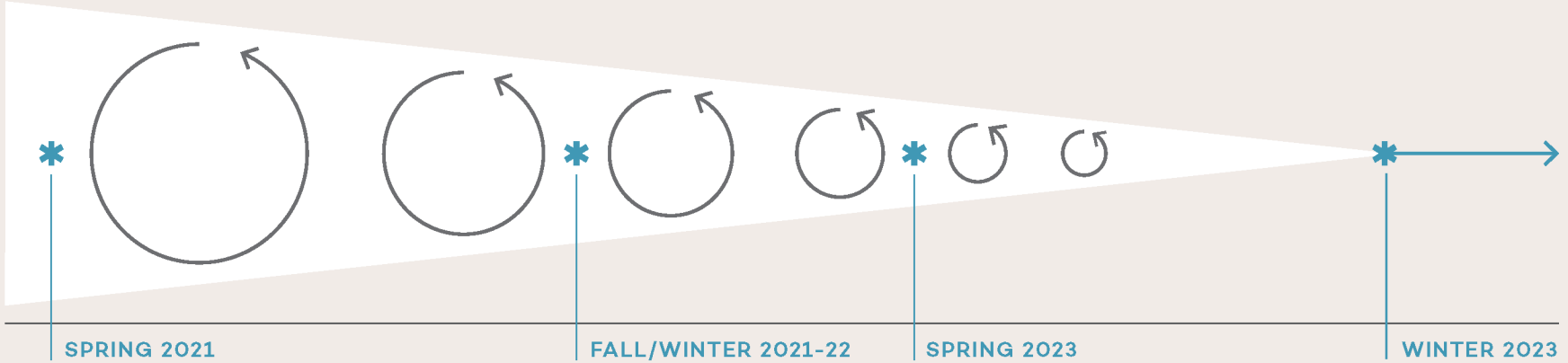
I-205 Toll Project



I-205 TOLL PROJECT

National Environmental Policy Act

I-5 / I-205 Toll Project



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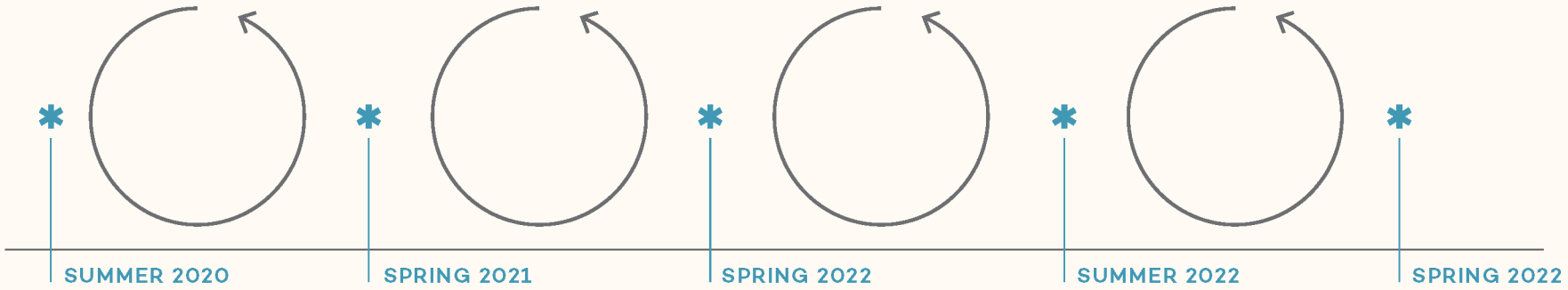

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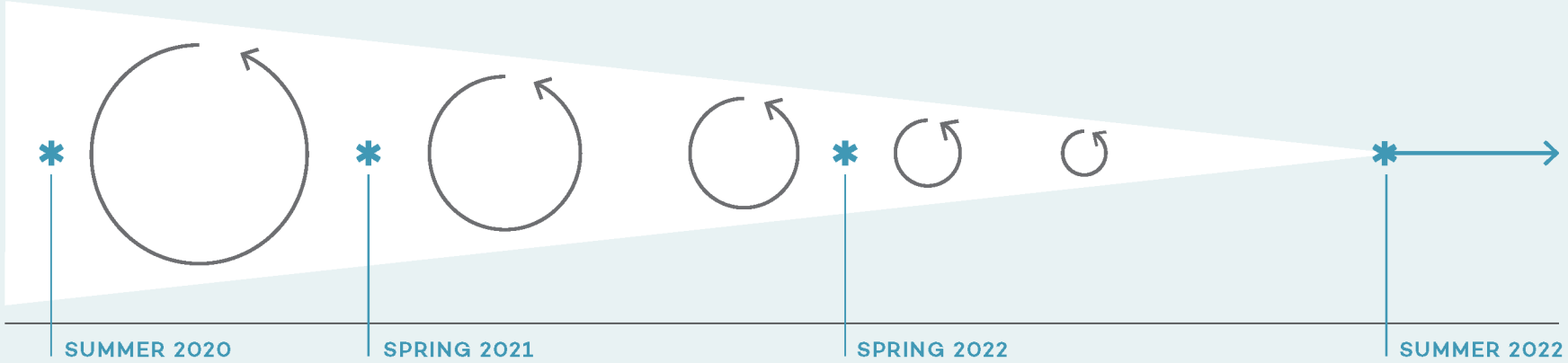

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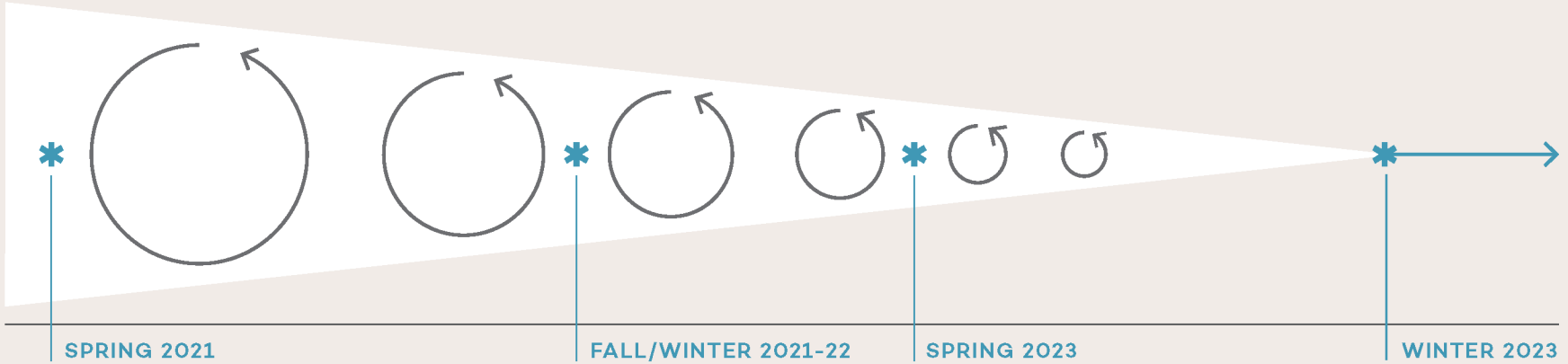

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Where will I see ODOT's commitment to tangible, equitable investments?

Policy

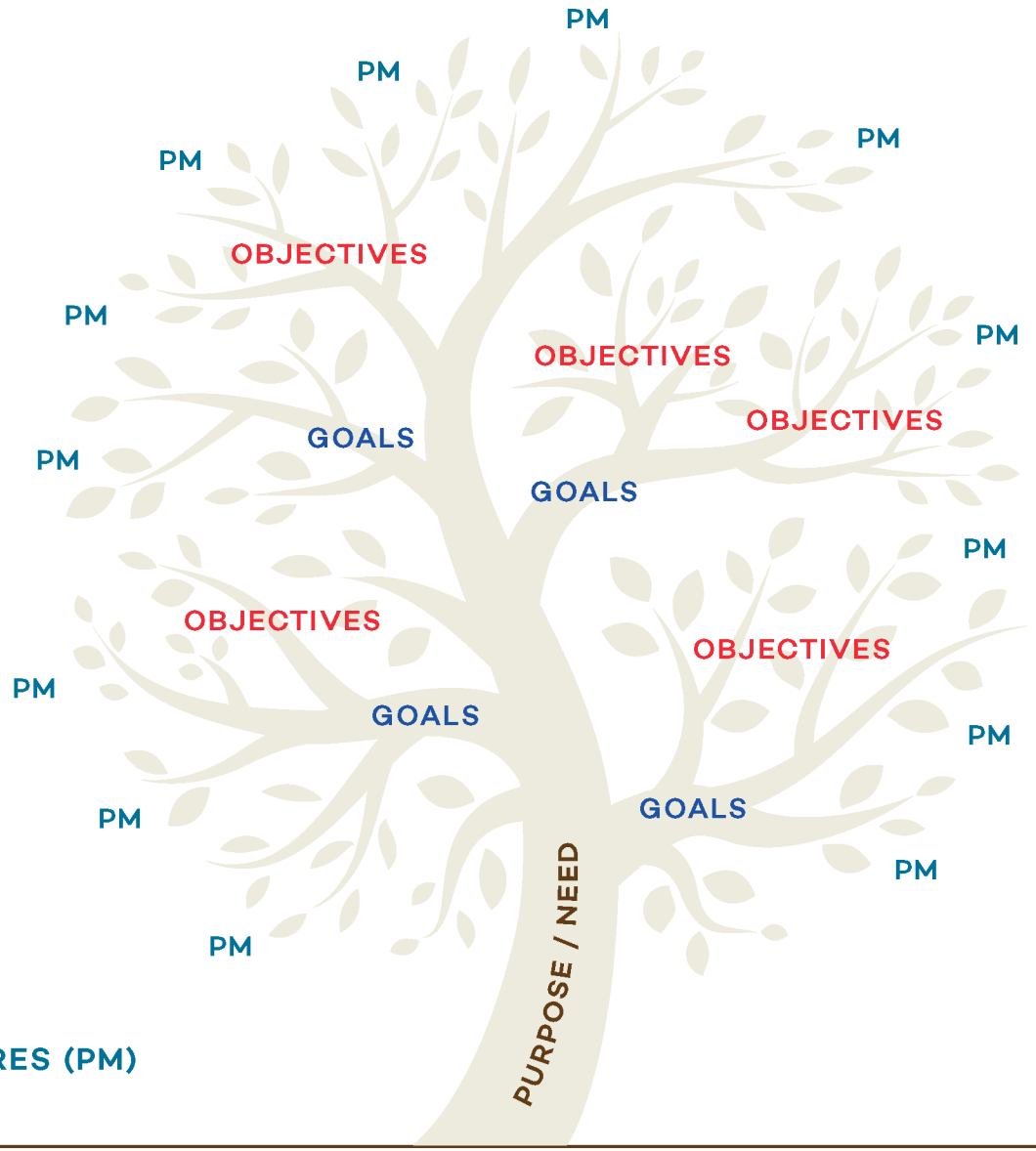
A policy is a statement or administrative rule used to guide decisions and identify actions in pursuit of an outcome, such as advancing equity.

Mitigation

Mitigation is a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) term that addresses impacts identified in the environmental analysis for a toll project (e.g. I-205 or I-5/I-205 toll projects).

NEPA Tree

National Environmental Policy Act



PURPOSE/NEED

1 GOALS

2 OBJECTIVES

3 PERFORMANCE MEASURES (PM)

COMMUNITY
HISTORY
CONTEXT
EQUITY
COVID
CONGESTION
CLIMATE

Toll all lanes in both directions
Evaluate start and stop points and design variations for tolling options
Happy Valley
Tualatin
West Linn
Oregon City
SW Stafford Road
McLoughlin Blvd
Abernethy Bridge
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Figure 3: Alternative 3

Figure 4: Alternative 4

What's next for I-205 Toll Project?

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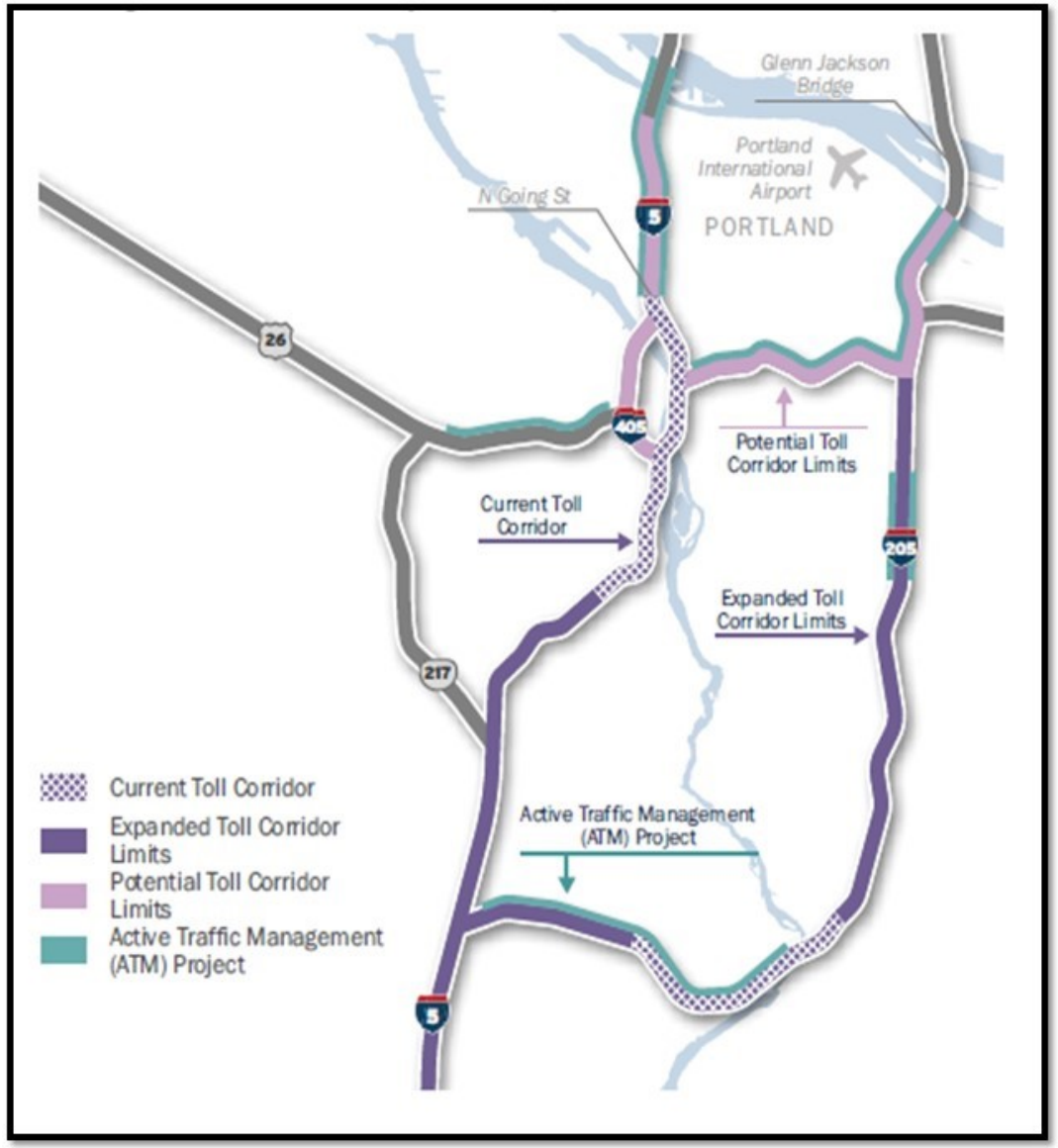

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What's next for I-5/I-205 Toll Project?

Discuss Key Questions
Spring 2021

Draft Purpose and Need
Summer 2021

Initial Screening Alternatives
Summer 2021

Refine Screening Alternatives
Fall 2021

NEPA Purpose and Need
Winter 2021

NEPA Alternatives
Winter 2021 – 2022

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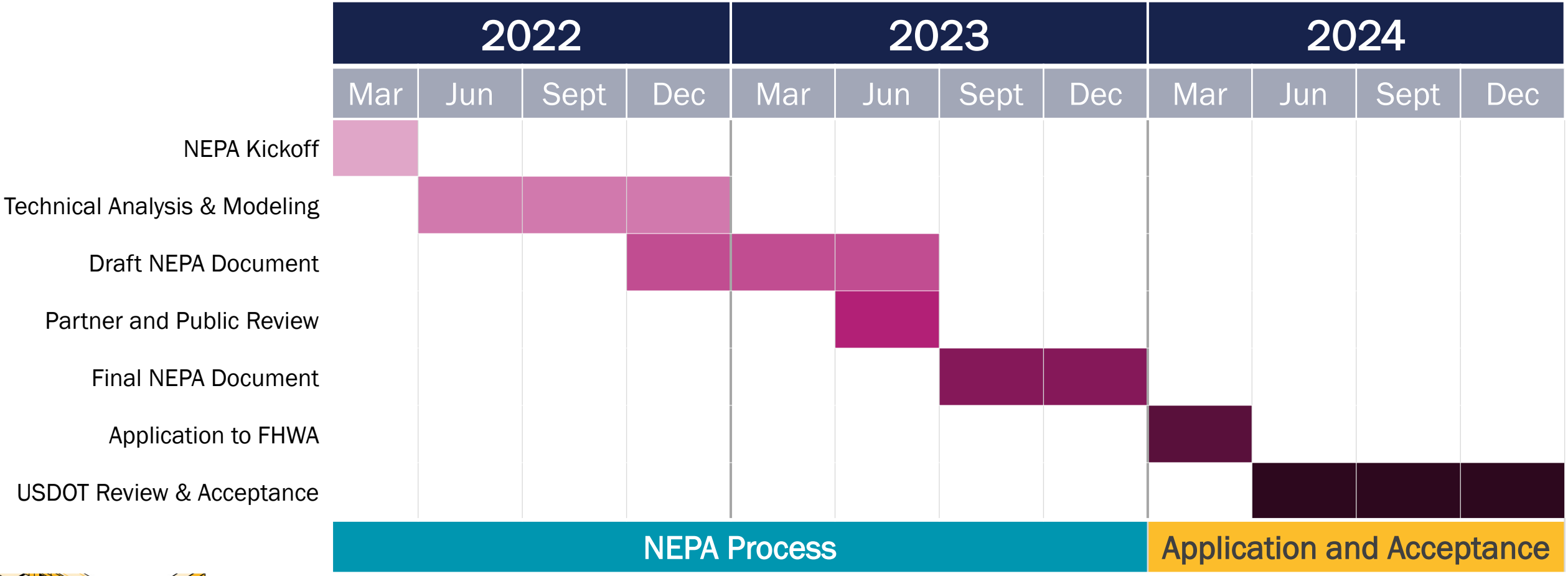
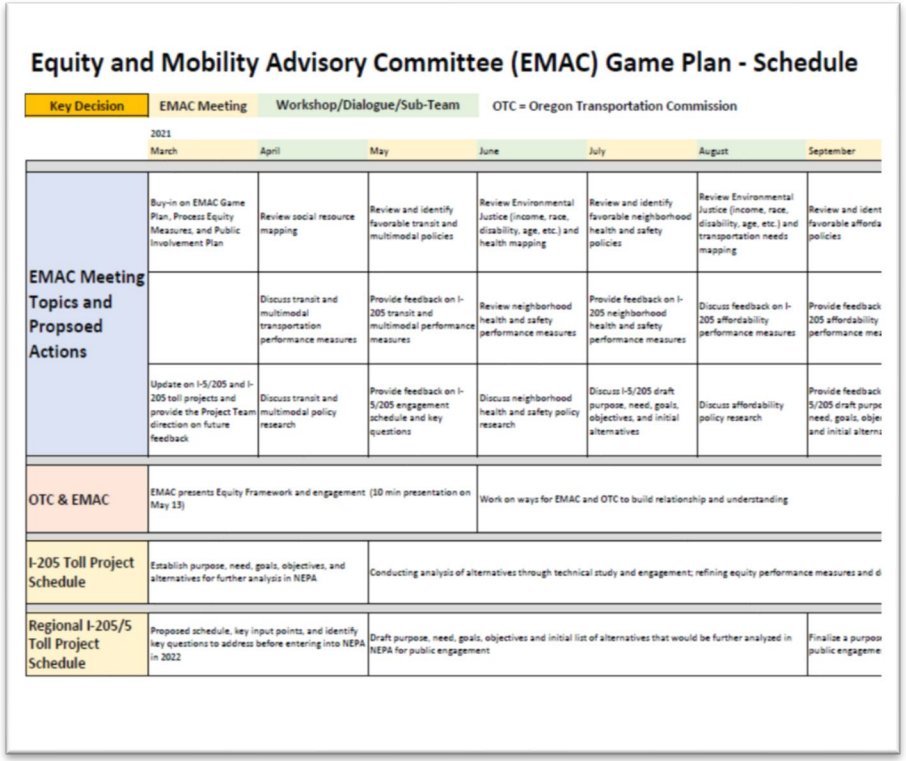
What's next for I-5/I-205 Toll Project?



EMAC Process to Shape Toll Projects



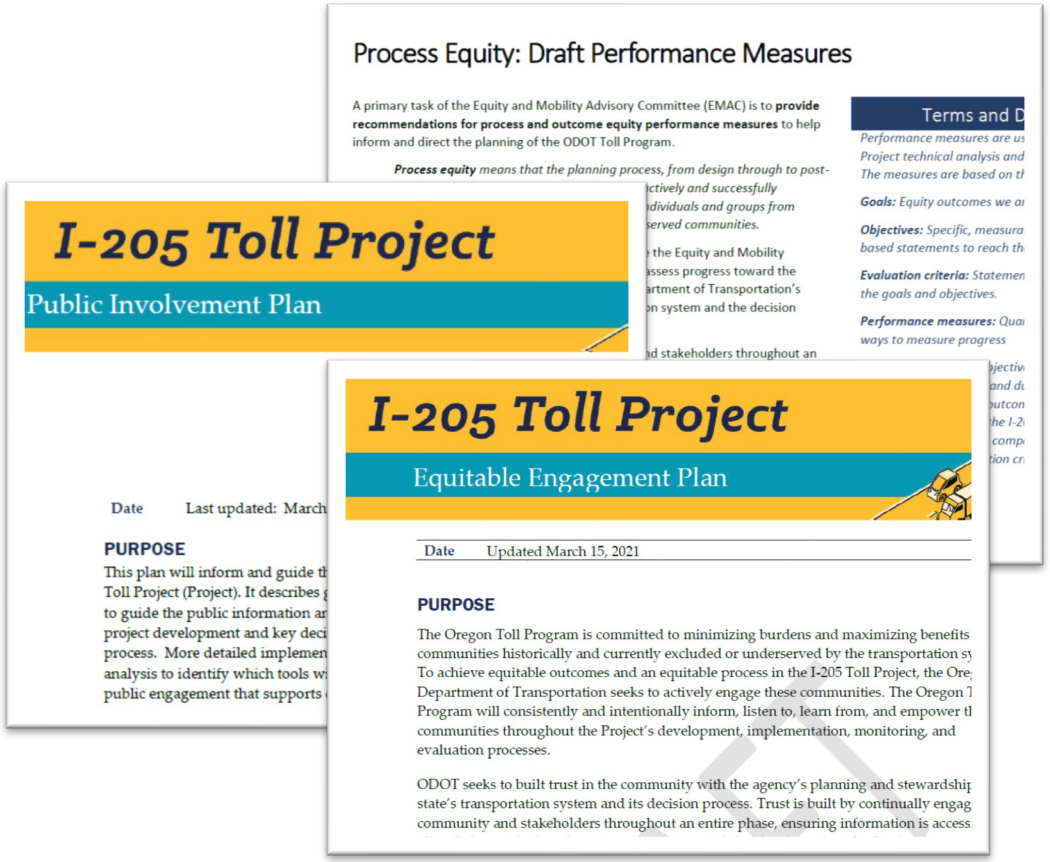
Equity and Mobility Advisory Committee (EMAC) Game Plan - Schedule

Key Decision | EMAC Meeting | Workshop/Dialogue/Sub-Team | OTC = Oregon Transportation Commission

	2021 March	April	May	June	July	August	September
EMAC Meeting Topics and Propsoed Actions	Buy-in on EMAC Game Plan, Process Equity Measures, and Public Involvement Plan	Review social resource mapping	Review and identify favorable transit and multimodal policies	Review Environmental Justice (income, race, disability, age, etc.) and health mapping	Review and identify favorable neighborhood health and safety policies	Review Environmental Justice (income, race, disability, age, etc.) and transportation needs mapping	Review and ident favorable afforda policies
		Discuss transit and multimodal transportation performance measures	Provide feedback on I-205 transit and multimodal performance measures	Review neighborhood health and safety performance measures	Provide feedback on I-205 neighborhood health and safety performance measures	Discuss feedback on I-205 affordability performance measures	Provide feedback 205 affordability performance mea
	Update on I-5/205 and I-205 toll projects and provide the Project Team direction on future feedback	Discuss transit and multimodal policy research	Provide feedback on I-5/205 engagement schedule and key questions	Discuss neighborhood health and safety policy research	Discuss I-5/205 draft purpose, need, goals, objectives, and initial alternatives	Discuss affordability policy research	Provide feedback 5/205 draft purpo need, goals, obje and initial altern
OTC & EMAC	EMAC presents Equity Framework and engagement (10 min presentation on May 13)			Work on ways for EMAC and OTC to build relationship and understanding			
I-205 Toll Project Schedule	Establish purpose, need, goals, objectives, and alternatives for further analysis in NEPA		Conducting analysis of alternatives through technical study and engagement; refining equity performance measures and d				
Regional I-205/5 Toll Project Schedule	Proposed schedule, key input points, and identify key questions to address before entering into NEPA in 2022		Draft purpose, need, goals, objectives and initial list of alternatives that would be further analyzed in NEPA for public engagement				Finalize a purpos public engageme

Do you have any questions or comments about the projects today, or the plan for EMAC to weigh-in on future decisions?

Process Equity Performance Measures



HANNAH WILLIAMS – PROJECT TEAM PING KHAW – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT LIAISON

EDUARDO RAMOS, GERMAINE FLENTROY, JAMES PAULSON – EMAC MEMBERS

EMAC Review

- Updated information about the vision to enhance trust
- Enhanced connection and role of community engagement liaisons
- Strengthened language in performance measures using the input received from historically and currently excluded and underserved communities
- Clarified document purpose
- Edited for language consistency

Are you ready to support and move forward with the Process Equity Performance Measures?

Public Comment and Committee Report Out

JESSICA STANTON – FACILITATOR

Public Comment

1. Welcome! You have up to **2 minutes to speak.**

2. Please **raise your virtual hand** so the Project Team can unmute you when they call on you.

To provide comments at any time:

Email OregonTolling@odot.state.or.us with "Committee Public Comment" in subject line to provide written comments.

Call 503-837-3536 and state "Committee Public Comment" in your message to provide verbal comments. Thank you for your participation.

You can comment in any language. We will translate comments for the committee after the meeting.

What have you been hearing from your community?

Moving to Our Future:
Pricing Options for ***Equitable Mobility***

PBOT
PORTLAND BUREAU OF TRANSPORTATION

March 9th, 2021

To: *Commissioner Hardesty, Commissioner Rubio, Director Chris Warner, and Director Andrea Durbin:*

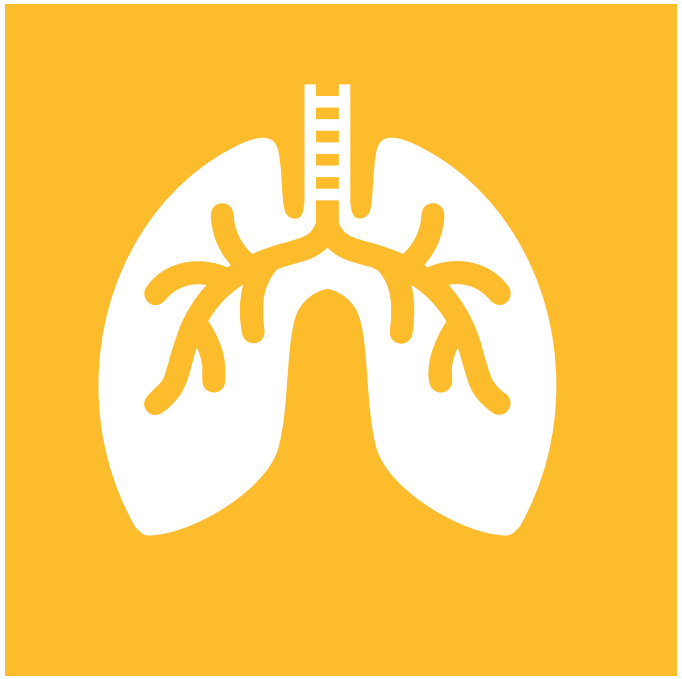
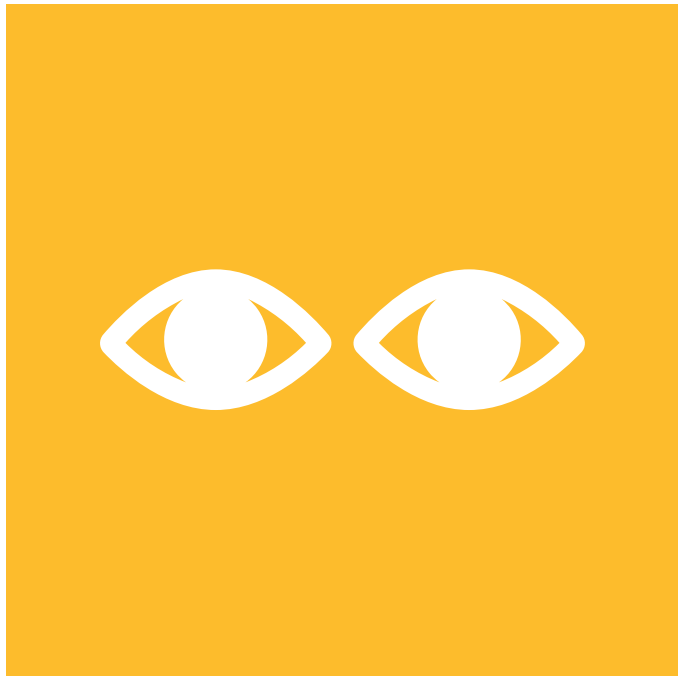
Re: *City of Portland advocacy related to ODOT's Toll Program*

We are writing with recommendations to the City of Portland related to your involvement and advocacy around the ODOT Toll Program. As a Task Force we have spent a year considering how various forms of pricing may impact mobility, equity, and climate goals. We have created a framework for considering what a more equitable, safe, and sustainable mobility system would look like and have begun to consider how different pricing strategies may or may not help to create such a system. We are not yet done with our deliberations. However, with the ODOT Highway Toll Program moving forward, we want to share these early recommendations with you.

Closing and Next Steps

JESSICA STANTON – FACILITATOR

Next Steps

1. **EMAC workshop on April 28th from 3:30-5:00 pm**
   - Social resources mapping and transit and multimodal equity performance measures and policies
2. **Please complete the meeting evaluation**
   - Link in email from Nick

Thank you!