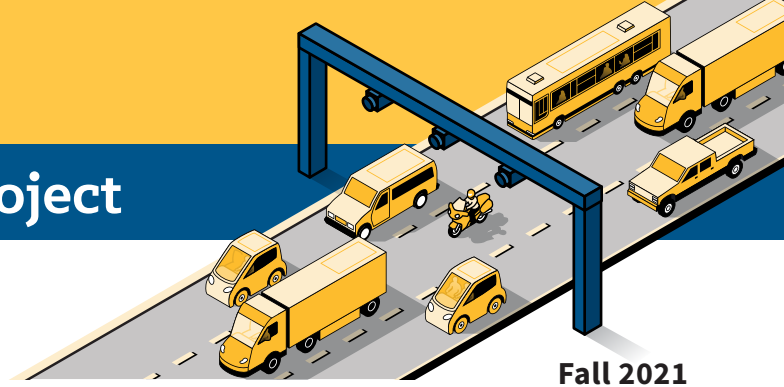


Regional Mobility Pricing Project

Fact Sheet



Traffic causes more than delays – and it's time we fix it

The Regional Mobility Pricing Project would apply congestion pricing (using variable-rate tolls) on all lanes of I-5 and I-205 in the Portland metro area to manage traffic and raise revenue for priority transportation projects. When highways are in daily gridlock, traffic backs up on local streets impacting air quality, safety, and neighborhood access to schools, medical services, and the grocery store.

Our outdated transportation system requires us to take action and make improvements. Oregon currently faces an annual shortfall of \$510 million in its ability to adequately maintain bridges and pavement. We are investing in transit, bicycle and pedestrian facilities and changing how we manage roads for safety and traffic flow. Tolling is another necessary tool to fix our transportation system.

By 2040, Portland-metro households will spend an average of **69 hours** each year stuck in congestion without new investments in transportation.*



*One Oregon, A Vision for Oregon's Transportation System (2016); Transportation Vision Panel Report to Governor Kate Brown.



Benefits of Tolling

Improved Travel Time & Increased Reliability, Safety & Efficiency

Reduces truck travel times and saved costs through a more reliable shipping time.



Reduces Greenhouse Gas Emissions & Fuel Consumption

Congestion pricing encourages some road users to switch to more climate-friendly travel options.



Establishes New, Sustainable, & More Reliable Funding Source



Incorporates Equity & Mobility Strategies

To address community needs for transit, multimodal transportation, affordability, health, and safety.

In 2020, traffic declined with the COVID-19 pandemic but is now back to about 90% of pre-pandemic levels and is expected to return to 2019 levels as the economy improves and population growth continues.

Tolls will help address regional transportation problems

The Regional Mobility Pricing Project will evaluate tolls on all lanes of I-5 and I-205 in the Portland metro area in Oregon. Tolls will vary throughout the day. Toll prices will be higher at peak traffic times, a concept known as “congestion pricing.” You will know the toll rate before you get on the highway.

The regional project will focus on solutions to these problems:

- Traffic is getting worse and the population continues to grow.
- There is not enough money from gas taxes and other revenue sources to fix Oregon’s highways and reduce traffic.
- It takes too long for people to get to work and for trucks to deliver goods.
- Cars and trucks stuck in traffic means more emissions and contributes to climate change.
- It is not easy for people with low incomes, disabilities, and other barriers to get to where they need to go.



Equity is guiding our work

Equity is a priority for ODOT. Our goal is to create better solutions for those historically and currently excluded and underserved. For the regional project, we are:

- Collaborating with community partners.
- Using an Equity Framework to guide Project development.
- Engaging an Equity and Mobility Advisory Committee for the project to improve outcomes for communities.

Equity and Mobility Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Learn more at OregonTolling.org



The Equity and Mobility Advisory Committee meets monthly and invites public comments.

How Electronic Tolling Works

1 Scan

Sensors recognize approaching vehicles and scan for electronic toll tags in windshields.

2 Identify

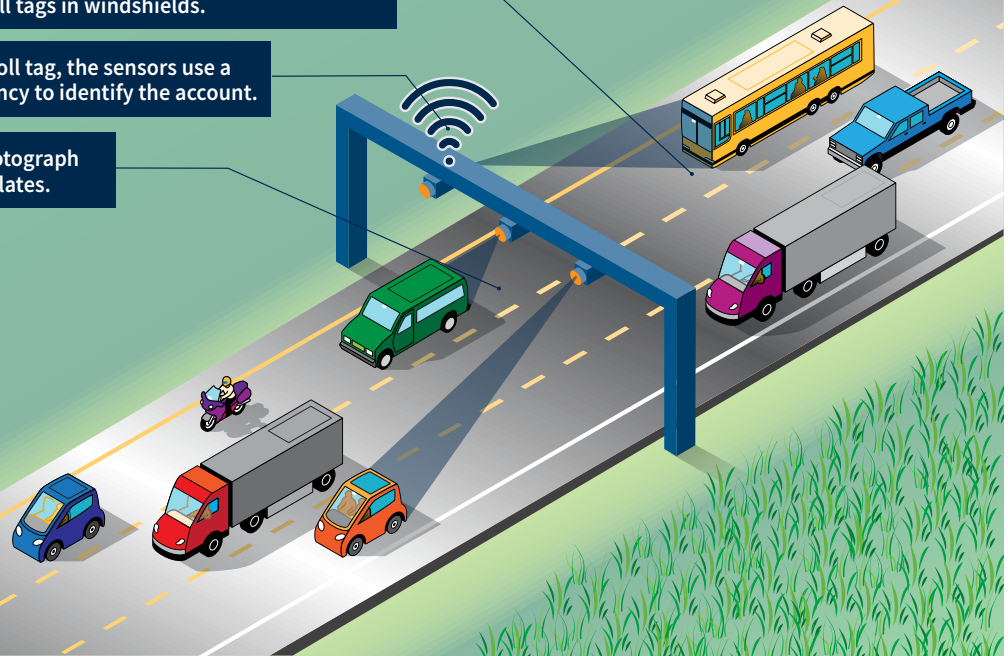
If there is a toll tag, the sensors use a radio frequency to identify the account.

3 Confirm

Cameras photograph the license plates.

4 Charge

The toll is applied to the account. If the vehicle does not have a toll tag, the owner is identified by license plate and billed by mail.



How tolling works

While tolling may be new to our region, there are several things you could expect with modern tolling in Oregon.

- **No stopping or slowing to pay a toll:** Drivers can pay a toll without a toll booth. Small transponders are placed on a windshield and connect to an account.
- **Pay for what you use:** If you are taking a short trip through central Portland, you would only pay for that section. If you are travelling farther, the fee will go up.
- **Tolls vary on a schedule:** Toll rates would vary based on time of day and length of trip, with higher tolls during “rush hour.” These variable tolls encourage some people to drive when traffic is less busy, use a different route, or consider another travel option like transit or carpool.
- **A more reliable trip:** Variable tolls will give people a more reliable highway trip when they really need it – like when they’re headed home from work.
- **No surprises on what you pay:** We want to keep prices predictable by listing toll rates on a schedule. This way drivers will know the cost in advance.

Answering your questions

- **When will tolling begin?** The earliest tolling would begin for the regional project is late 2025.
- **How much will tolls cost?** The tolls will depend on the trip you take. We are working on this now so we can begin to share a cost range and ask the community for their input. The Oregon Transportation Commission will use this information and determine the toll rate in 2023.
- **How is the Regional Mobility Pricing Project different from the I-205 Toll Project?** The I-205 Toll Project will manage congestion and provide necessary funding to complete construction of the I-205 Improvements. The regional project focuses on a larger area using tolls to manage congestion and raise revenue for regional transportation improvements.



Tolls would help pay for important projects, like improving I-205 near the Abernethy Bridge to add a third travel lane to improve traffic.

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Make sure your voice is heard! Follow ODOT on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook for program updates and ways to get involved. Questions and comments can be submitted at any time to the Project team.

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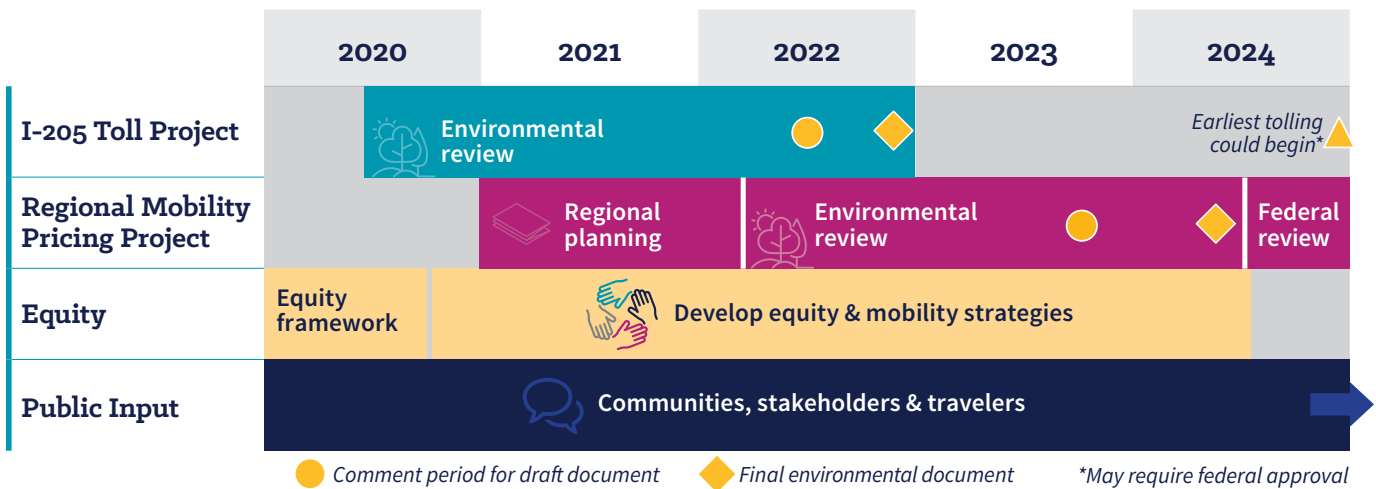
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What’s next?

We are currently in the initial planning phase for the Regional Mobility Pricing Project. Through spring 2022, ODOT will study tolling options, identify strategies to make tolling easier on travelers and historically excluded and underserved communities, and invite public input.

Oregon Toll Program: Two projects underway

Currently, ODOT has two toll projects underway, the I-205 Toll Project and the Regional Mobility Pricing Project, to manage traffic on I-5 and I-205 in a way that is equitable and addresses climate change, while providing funding for critical infrastructure and safety improvements. The charge to develop a tolling program began in 2017, when the Oregon Legislature passed House Bill 2017, known as “Keep Oregon Moving.” The bill provided funding for transportation improvements and directed the Oregon Transportation Commission to implement tolls on I-205 and I-5 in the greater Portland area. In 2018, ODOT led a tolling study and invited public input to inform future planning.



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