

What will be studied in the environmental analysis?

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) proposes to reduce congestion on I-5 and I-205 in the Portland metropolitan area through congestion pricing. Congestion pricing, using variable rate tolls, is a key tool in ODOT’s urban mobility strategy to reduce traffic jams and provide safer and more predictable trips for travelers. This proposal is known as the Regional Mobility Pricing Project.

The Federal Highway Administration and ODOT are beginning an environmental analysis to identify the project’s potential benefits and negative impacts. The table below provides a brief overview of the key resources that will be studied through a technical report and some of the questions that will be addressed for each resource.

 <p>Transportation: How would congestion pricing affect travel on I-5 and I-205 and on other roads and streets? How would travel patterns change in our region? What are the effects on traffic safety and freight movement?</p>	 <p>State, Regional, and Local Economy: How would tolls impact the cost of doing business? How would changes in travel impact access, sales, and operations for local businesses?</p>
 <p>Multimodal Transportation: How would congestion pricing change travel mode choices and affect biking, walking, and transit use? What are the effects on transit reliability and safety for people biking, walking, and using transit?</p>	 <p>Social Resources and Communities: How would changes in travel affect access to community destinations such as medical and education facilities, parks, or cultural centers?</p>
 <p>Air Quality: How would changes in travel affect regional and local air quality in the Portland metropolitan area?</p>	 <p>Environmental Justice: Will the benefits and impacts of congestion pricing be distributed equitably among groups and communities? How would the cost of tolls impact historically underserved communities?</p>
 <p>Greenhouse Gas Emissions: How would changes in travel affect our progress toward meeting state and regional goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from vehicles?</p>	 <p>Cumulative Impacts: What are the collective effects of congestion pricing when combined with the effects of other past, current, and future proposed projects in the Portland metropolitan area?</p>

Additional Topics

Along with the detailed analysis of the resources above, the environmental analysis will include a high-level analysis on a wider range of additional resources, including:

- Noise
- Visual Quality
- Land Use
- Geology and Soils
- Hazardous Materials
- Historic and Archeological Resources
- Vegetation and Wildlife
- Wetlands and Water Resources

For more information, please review the [Community and Environmental Resources to be Evaluated in the Environmental Assessment Memo](#).

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