

# **Regional Mobility Pricing Project**

# Share your input!

Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) proposes to reduce congestion on I-5 and I-205 in the Portland metropolitan area by applying 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.

We are beginning an environmental analysis to identify the project's potential benefits and impacts. The start of the analysis is called "scoping" - and we're looking for your input to help shape the study.

Please let us know your comments and interests regarding the project's purpose, as well as the proposed project concept and primary issues to be studied (such as traffic congestion, transportation safety, social equity, economic impacts, and vehicle rerouting).



What is scoping? The purpose of scoping is to invite input on the range or "scope" of community and environmental issues to study. Once complete, the results of the study will be published in a report called an Environmental Assessment.

### Learn more and share your voice—now through Jan. 6, 2023!



Learn more and ask questions at an informational webinar on Nov. 29, 11 a.m. or Nov. 30, 4 p.m – visit our website for details.



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Share comments by Jan. 6, 2023 by Visiting oregontolling.org

> **Emailing** oregontolling@odot.oregon.gov Please include "Scoping Comments" in the subject line.

**Calling** 503-837-3536

Mailing comments to Oregon Department of Transportation, Attn: Oregon Tolling Team - Scoping Comment, 123 NW Flanders Street, Portland, Oregon, 97209.



#### What type of input is needed?

To inform the environmental analysis, we want your input by **Friday, Jan. 6, 2023**. All materials and a comment form are available at oregontolling.org:

- The Draft Purpose and Need Statement, which includes the project goals and objectives. Do you have comments on why the project is needed and what we hope to achieve?
- The Proposed Action, which describes the project concept we will study. Do you have any suggested changes to the congestion pricing project we are proposing?
- The community and environmental resources to be evaluated, such as air quality, neighborhood traffic, and the regional economy. An initial list of resource types has been identified based on comments received previously. Thinking about how this project might affect you, your community, and the environment, are there other issues that you think we should study?
- Our planning studies and supporting documents are posted with these materials. We welcome your comments on any of the posted materials on the Regional Mobility Pricing Project.



## $\widetilde{H}$ What are we proposing?

The Proposed Action has been informed by planning, public input and analysis over the past several years.

Tolling on all lanes of I-5 and I-205 in the Portland, Oregon metropolitan area. Tolling all lanes, instead of a single express lane, would provide congestion relief and keep costs low for all drivers. Tolls are being studied on I-5 between the Columbia River and the Boone Bridge in Wilsonville and on I-205 from the Columbia River to where I-205 intersects with I-5 in Tualatin. The toll boundaries may be adjusted during or after the environmental analysis.

**Tolls based on a set schedule:** Drivers would know the toll rate in advance. A set schedule allows drivers to determine the cost of their trip ahead of time to plan their travel.

Tolls based on location and time of day: Toll rates would vary based on time of day and location, known as variable rate tolls. Drivers would be charged higher toll rates at congested locations during morning and afternoon rush hours and lower tolls at less congested locations during other times of day. Drivers would only pay for the portions of I-5 and I-205 they use.

Drivers would pay a toll through an **all-electronic collection system** — Drivers would not stop to pay a toll.

**Toll rates would be monitored and adjusted** after tolling begins. The Oregon Transportation Commission will set toll rates.

#### What happens next?

All comments on these materials will be reviewed and summarized and will inform the environmental analysis. In 2023, we will share the results in the Draft Environmental Assessment for public review and comment. We will continue to provide ongoing project updates and opportunities for involvement. The earliest tolling could begin under the Regional Mobility Pricing Project is late 2025.

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