

Regional Toll Advisory Committee

Meeting #2

Monday, October 24, 2022

Facilitator: David Kim (he/him)

Welcome and Technical Info

- This meeting is being hosted in person and via Zoom webinar.
- RTAC Members are participating virtually and in person.
- For all others watching virtually, video and chat are disabled, and attendees are muted.

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Welcome and Agenda

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Welcome!

David Kim, Facilitator

Kris Strickler, ODOT Director

Discussion on the Committee Charter and Operations

David Kim, Facilitator



What was heard

Clarify the dual purposes of tolling: raising revenue for investment and managing congestion.

There was no mention of climate.

Information for discussion

- Revise the charter to include the dual purposes of tolling.
- Include language on climate, safety, funding, equity, and congestion goals.





What was heard

It was unclear how the work of this committee will interact (or not) with the other toll advisory committees.

Information for discussion

- Each committee will have a main focus that will not overlap.
- Committees may provide feedback to each other, but this interaction will be proactively planned through committee work plans.
- ODOT plans to use the Toll Program's Equity Framework and bring work from the Equity Mobility Advisory Committee to RTAC through their liaison on the committee.



Main focus areas

- **Equity and Mobility Advisory Committee (EMAC):** Turn recommendations from 2022 into commitments for sustainable, accountable processes and outcomes to advance equity.
- **Regional Toll Advisory Committee:** Providing regional input for toll projects and partnerships, which includes the plans for diversion, transit-multimodal partnerships, alignment of Regional Mobility Pricing Project with policies, and toll revenue allocation criteria.
- **Statewide Toll Rulemaking Advisory Committee:** Rulemaking for customer service experience and the process to set and adjust rates for the I-205 Toll Project.



What was heard

It was unclear how public feedback will be collected and communicated. There was nothing listed about sign language (ASL), closed captioning, or translation or interpretation services.

Information for discussion

- Providing varied, diverse ways for people to access information of the committee is important to our work.
- Emailed feedback will be provided to the committee before the meeting.
- We will follow ADA and accessibility accommodations and are always interested in how to improve our process.



What was heard



It was unclear what “net” toll revenue was referring to in the committee’s key questions.

Information for discussion

- The charter can be revised to remove “net” from the revenue allocation question to help provide greater clarity.





What was heard

It was unclear about how and to what degree this committee will be involved with decisions on the toll projects.

Information for discussion

- We will bring information from toll projects to inform discussion on the key questions for this committee (RTAC 2022-2023 Work Plan).
- Toll project environmental review and decision-making is a different process. There are 60 agencies, which includes SW Washington, as a part of that review process.

Regional Toll Advisory Committee (RTAC) 2022 – 2023 Work Plan		
<i>Note: The table reflects the discussion topics directly related to the questions in the charter. For all meetings, project updates and informational items will also be on the agenda.</i>		
Meeting	Month	Meeting Topics
1	Aug 24, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Committee charge and purpose, review charter• Project history, overview, and status• Review of Oregon Highway Plan Toll Amendment policies• Overview of Low Income Toll Report findings
2	Oct. 24, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discuss charter comments• Discuss RTAC work plan• Review process for federal approval under Value Pricing Pilot Program
3	Dec. 5, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Charter adoption• Introduction to schedule for toll projects, program, and Public Transit Strategy• Introduction of Regional Mobility Pricing Project (RMPP) concept• Discuss opportunities on closing implementation schedule gap between 205 Toll Project and RMPP
4	Jan 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rate setting rulemaking process overview, update, and discussion• Recommendation on closing implementation gap between 205 Toll Project and RMPP
5	Feb 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information on work to-date for transit and congestion pricing analysis and planning between ODOT and partners• Introduction to constitutional constraints and current law for toll revenue

Key Questions

1. What opportunities exist to accelerate the schedule for delivery of the Regional Mobility Pricing Project to **reduce the implementation gap** between RMPP and the I-205 Toll Project?
2. What partnerships should ODOT and local jurisdictions pursue for **long-term monitoring of mitigation strategies** to address negative impacts from diversion to neighborhoods, local roads and the broader transportation system?

Key Questions

3. What partnerships and resources should ODOT and local public transportation providers pursue to **make public transportation and multimodal travel a viable alternative** to driving on I-5 and I-205?
4. Does the committee agree that the proposed action for the Regional Mobility Pricing Project **aligns with state goals** detailed in the Oregon Highway Plan **and regional goals** in the 2023 Regional Transportation Plan?

Key Questions

5. What feedback should OTC consider when adopting **criteria for the allocation of “~~net~~” toll revenue** within corridors, consistent with the Oregon Highway Plan and other policies?

Charter Next Steps



Value Pricing Pilot Program

Nathaniel Price, Federal Highway Administration

Value Pricing Pilot Program (VPPP)

Oregon Division Office

Oregon Coast Trail at Cape Meares

Presentation to Oregon Regional Toll Advisory Committee



Tolling Authorities

Oregon Division Office

Oregon Coast Trail at Cape Meares

- Mainstream Tolling
 - 23 USC Section 129
 - 23 USC Section 166
- Toll Pilot Programs
 - Interstate System Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Pilot Program (ISRRPP)
 - Value Pricing Pilot Program (VPPP)



Value Pricing Pilot Program

Oregon Division Office

Oregon Coast Trail at Cape Meares

- More flexibility in use of revenue
- Better aligned with ODOT vision for congestion pricing
- Oregon's VPPP slot was extended in 2017



VPPP Specific Requirements

Oregon Division Office

Oregon Coast Trail at Cape Meares

- Goal of managing congestion on the tolled facility
- Must use variable rate tolling
- Mitigation measures to address adverse financial effects on low-income drivers



RMPP Next Steps

Oregon Division Office

Oregon Coast Trail at Cape Meares

- Completion of NEPA
 - Including mitigation measures for impacts to low-income and minority populations
- Detailed traffic and revenue study
- Signed Cooperative Agreement between ODOT and FHWA



VPPP Cooperative Agreement

Oregon Division Office

Oregon Coast Trail at Cape Meares

- Corridor to be tolled under agreement
- Use of revenue – First – Operating costs of the facility
 - Implementation costs
 - Mitigation measures for low-income drivers
 - Maintenance of toll facility
 - Reconstruction, rehabilitation, restoration or resurfacing of the facility
 - Debt service
 - Return on investment of private person financing project
- Use of Revenue - Second - Title 23 eligible projects and state law



VPPP Cooperative Agreement

Oregon Division Office

Oregon Coast Trail at Cape Meares

- Annual audits of program
- Monitoring of project on effects project has on
 - Driver behavior
 - Traffic volume
 - Transit ridership
 - Air quality
 - Availability of funds for transportation programs
- Prior approval from FHWA before significant changes to the approach to tolling the project
- Compliance with all applicable Federal laws with respect to implementation of the project



Questions

Oregon Division Office

Oregon Coast Trail at Cape Meares

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Program Updates

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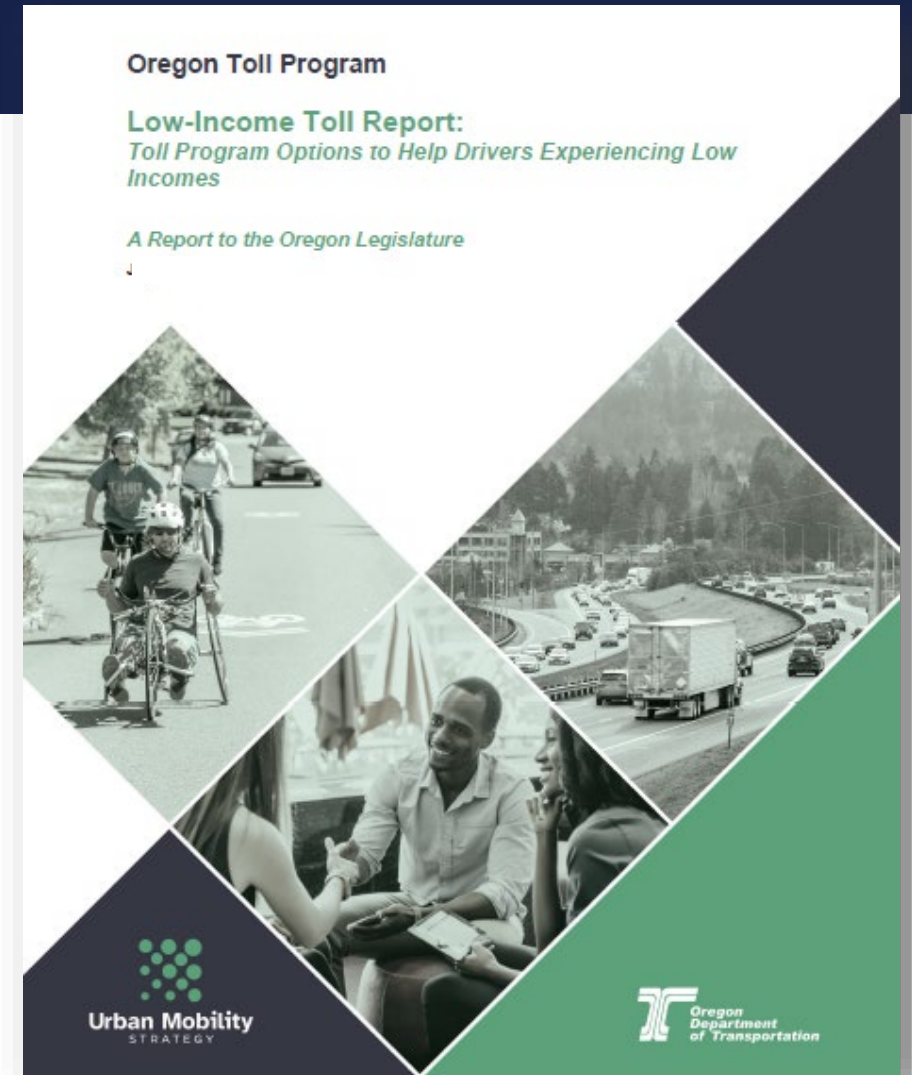
Abernethy Bridge Construction Underway

Construction access routes, temporary work bridges, drilled shafts (2022 - 2023)





Low Income Toll Report

- Final report approved by Oregon Transportation Commission and delivered to Oregon Legislature
- Next Steps:
 - Ongoing engagement
 - Rulemaking and rate setting
 - Operations and administration






Urban Mobility Strategy Map






Currently Funded by HB2017

-  System Improvement Project
-  Bike/Ped Crossing Project

Made Possible with HB3055

-  System Improvement Project
-  Regional Mobility Pricing Project
-  I-205 Toll Project

Partner Project with ODOT Support

-  System Improvement Project
-  Bike/Ped Crossing Project
-  Bus on Shoulder Pilot
-  TriMet Project
-  Multimodal/Community Study

Note: Core project names are boxed



Public Comment

David Kim, Facilitator

Public Comment



- We will start with those who are providing public comment in person. Then we will move to those who have raised their hands to comment virtually.



- We will call on you when it is your turn to speak. 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.oregon.gov with “RTAC Public Comment” in subject line to provide written comments.

Call 503-837-3536 and state “RTAC Public Comment” in your message to provide verbal comments.

Thank you for your participation.

Next Steps

- Next meeting: December 5
- Refine charter
- Action items
- Complete meeting evaluation



Thank you!

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