

Regional Toll Advisory Committee

Meeting #1

Wednesday, August 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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- 6 Low Income Toll Report
- 7 Oregon Highway Plan Goal 6 Amendment
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Charge and Purpose

Kris Strickler

Oregon Dept. of Transportation Director

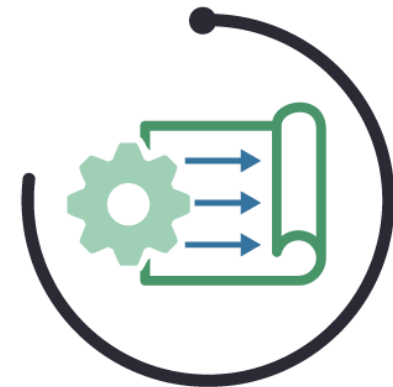
Member and Staff Introductions



Name



Role



**Participation
contribution**

Members and committee staff will take about 1 minute to introduce themselves.

Committee Charter and Workplan

Project Context

Mandy Putney

ODOT Urban Mobility Office Strategic Initiatives Director

The Challenges

Congestion

Crashes

Aging infrastructure

Earthquake risk

Gaps in multimodal transportation

Inequities in access

Effects of changing climate



Transportation Funding in Oregon

Oregon faces an annual **\$510 million shortfall** in its ability to adequately maintain a state of good repair on bridges and pavement

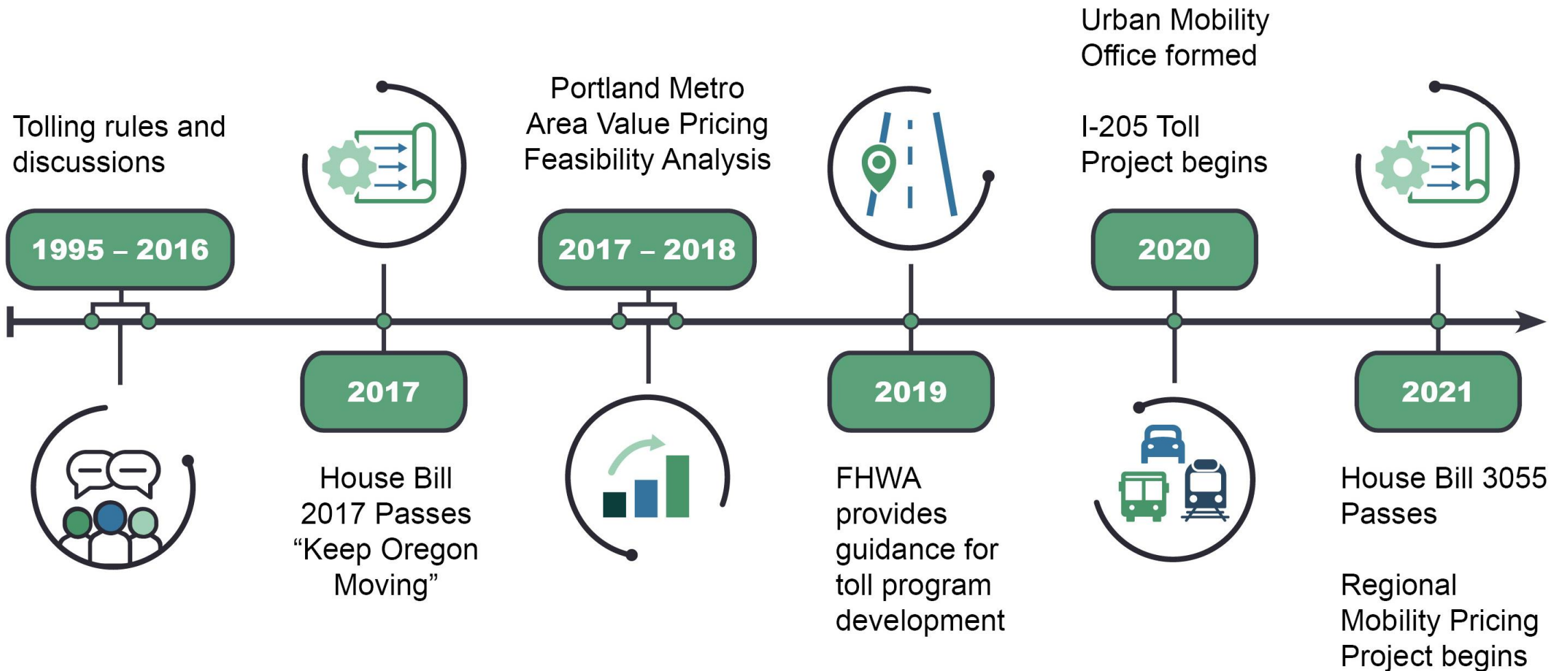




Importance of I-5 and I-205 to Oregon





Project History and Context



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

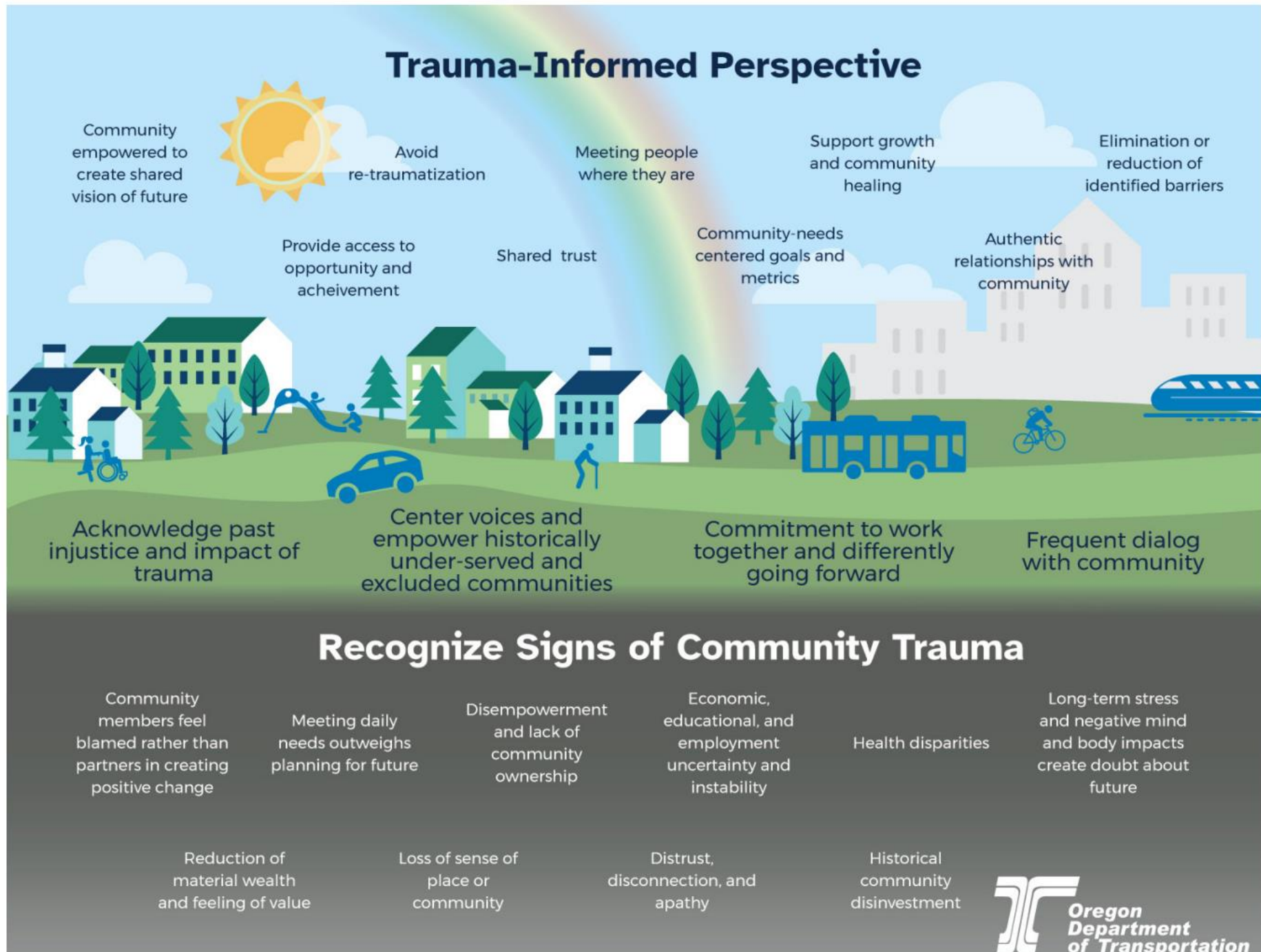


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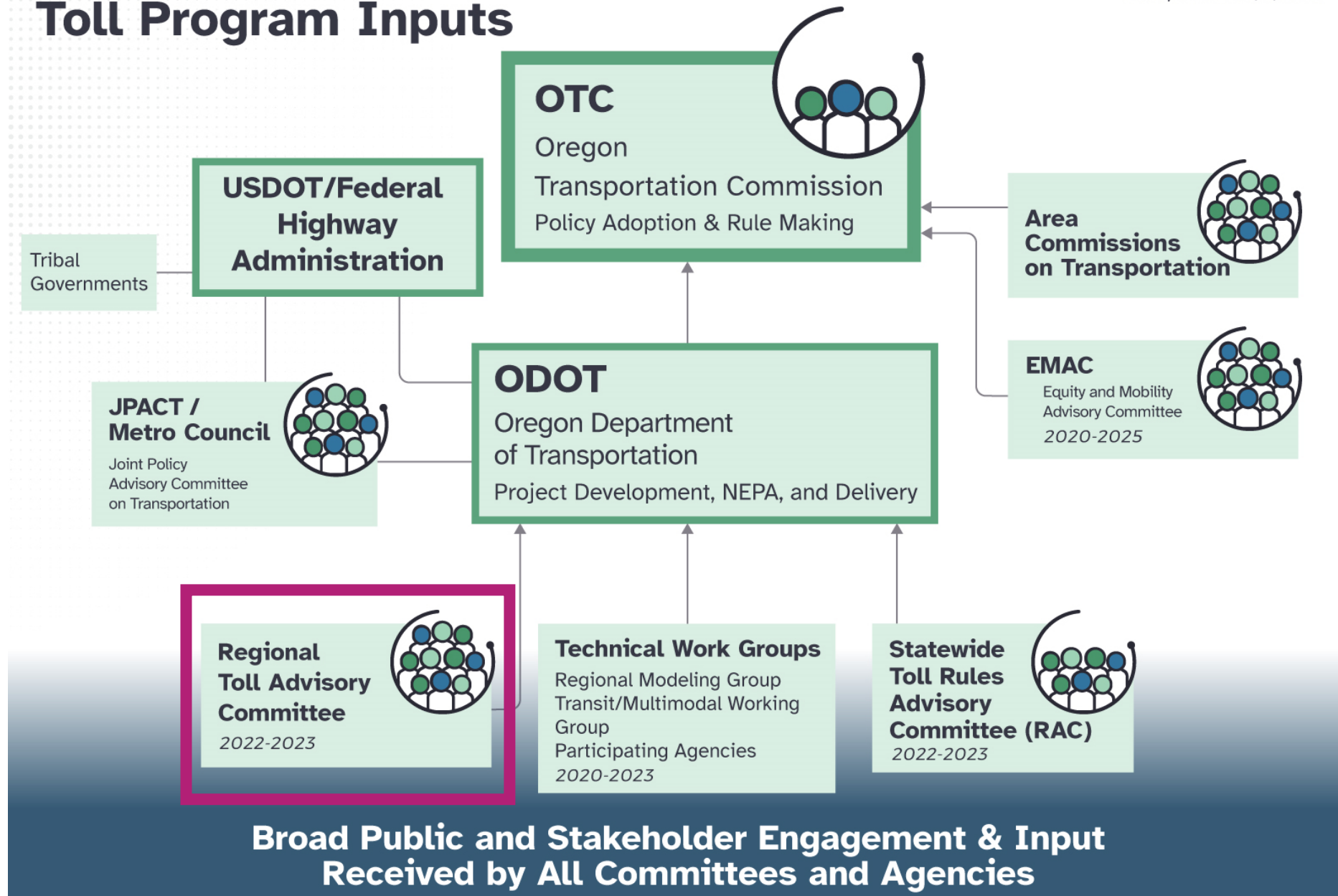


Equity Framework

Equity for transportation projects is the just allocation of burdens and benefits within a transportation system.



Toll Program Inputs



When would tolling start?



Late 2024

Late 2025

Low Income Toll Report

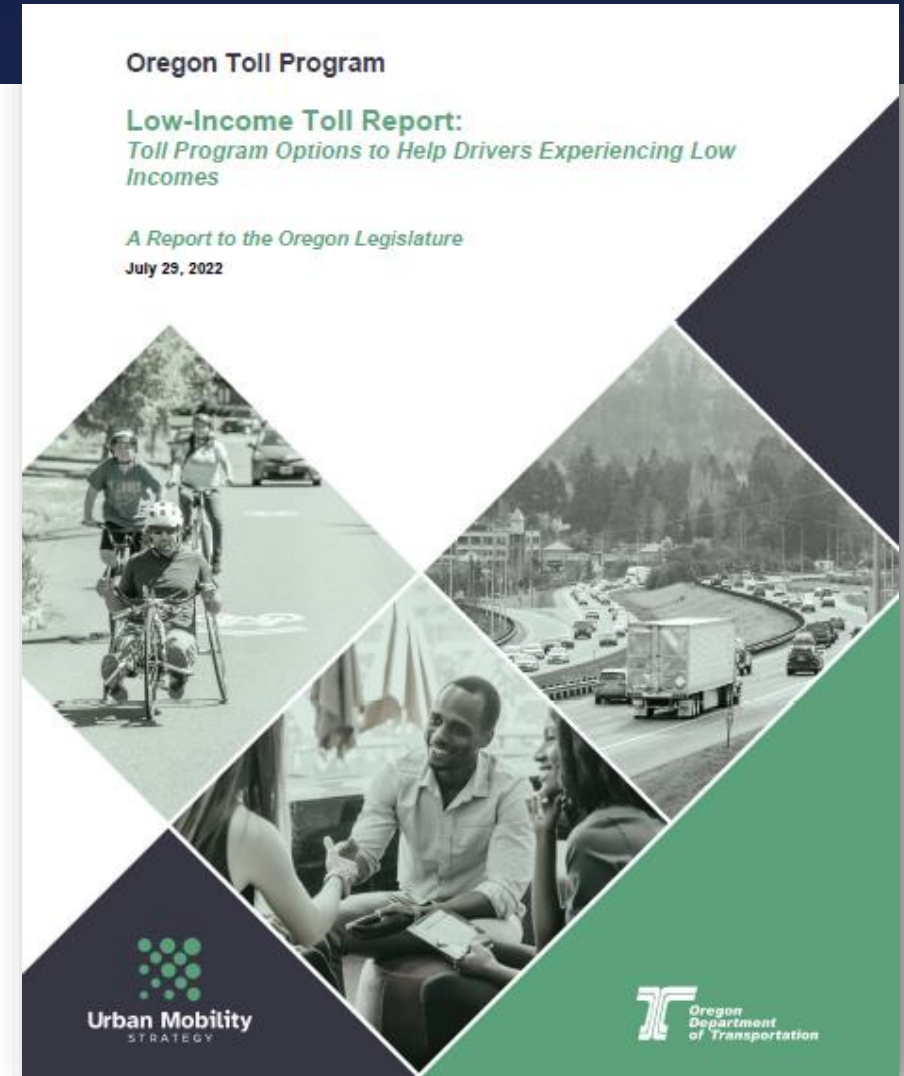
Garet Prior

ODOT Urban Mobility Office Toll Policy Manager

Low Income Toll Report

Report will inform how ODOT will address impacts of tolls on low-income travelers; must be completed by September 2022

- **July-August update:** Receiving feedback on the draft report
- **Next steps:** Incorporate feedback and present to Oregon Transportation Commission and Oregon Legislature in September



LITR: Options for Consideration

- **Provide a significant discount** (e.g., credits, free trips, percentage discount, or full exemption) for **households equal to or below 200% Federal Poverty Level**
- **Provide a smaller, more focused discount** (e.g., credits or free trips) for households above **201% and up to 400% of the Federal Poverty Level**
- Use a certification process that **leverages existing programs** for verification and **further explore self-certification**

Break

Oregon Highway Plan Amendment

Amanda Pietz

ODOT Policy, Data, & Analysis Division Administrator

Oregon Highway Plan

- Provides policy framework for Oregon's highways and roads
- Adopted in 1999 and amended since
 - Goal 6 Tolling Policies adopted in 2012
- New Proposed Tolling Amendments
 - Create an implementation structure
 - Support project applications



1999
OREGON HIGHWAY PLAN
Including amendments November 1999 through May 2015



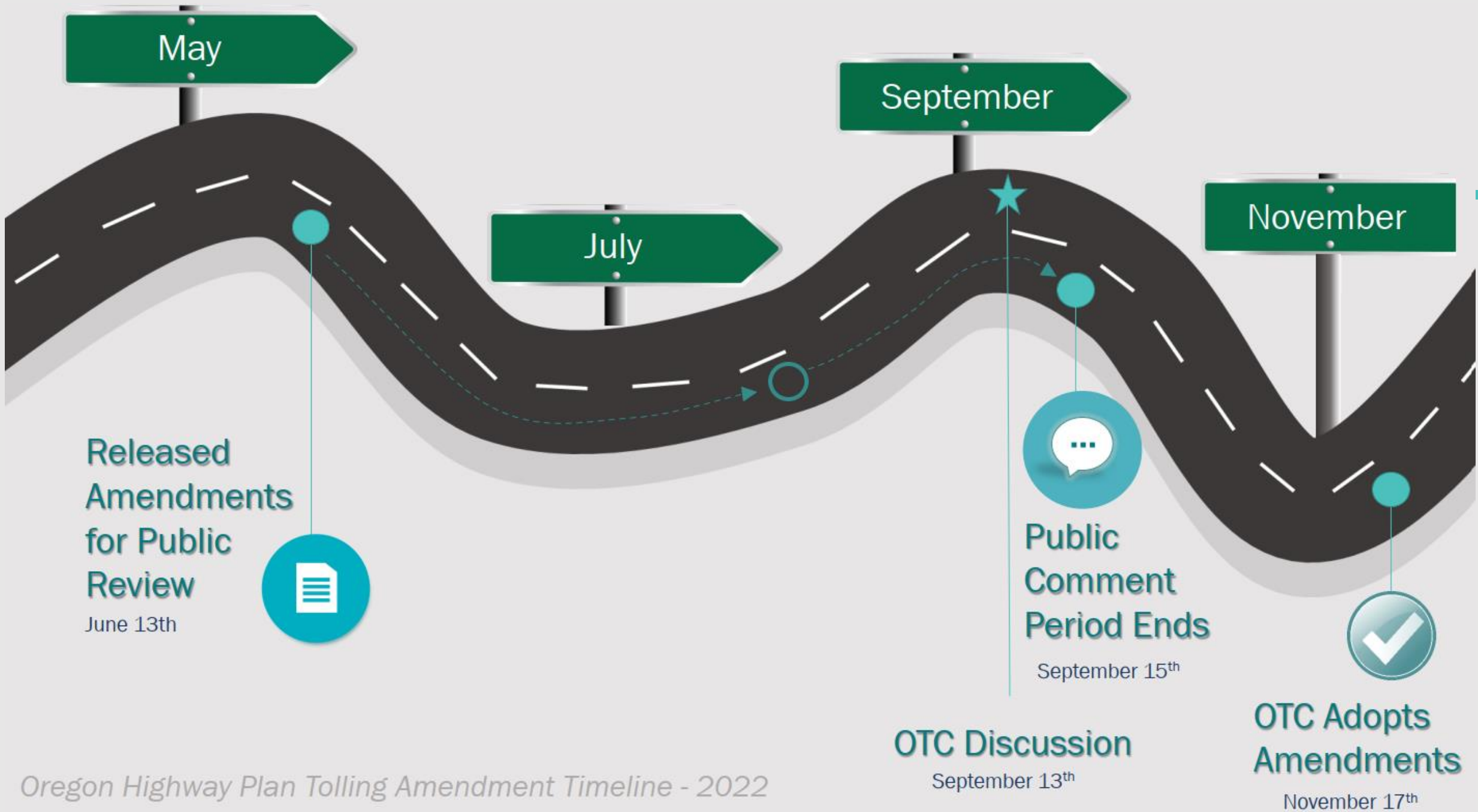
An Element of the Oregon Transportation Plan

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Tolling Amendments

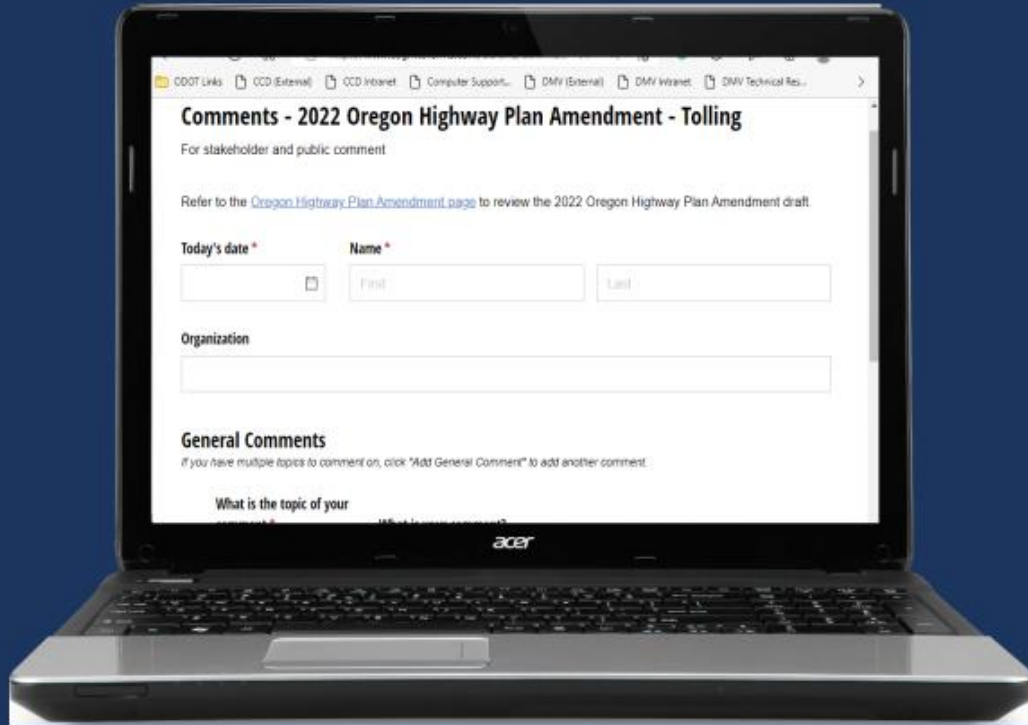
- Road Pricing Objectives
- Rate Structures, Pricing Considerations, Exemptions and Discounts
- Use of Revenue
- Infrastructure and Management





Oregon Highway Plan Tolling Amendment Timeline - 2022

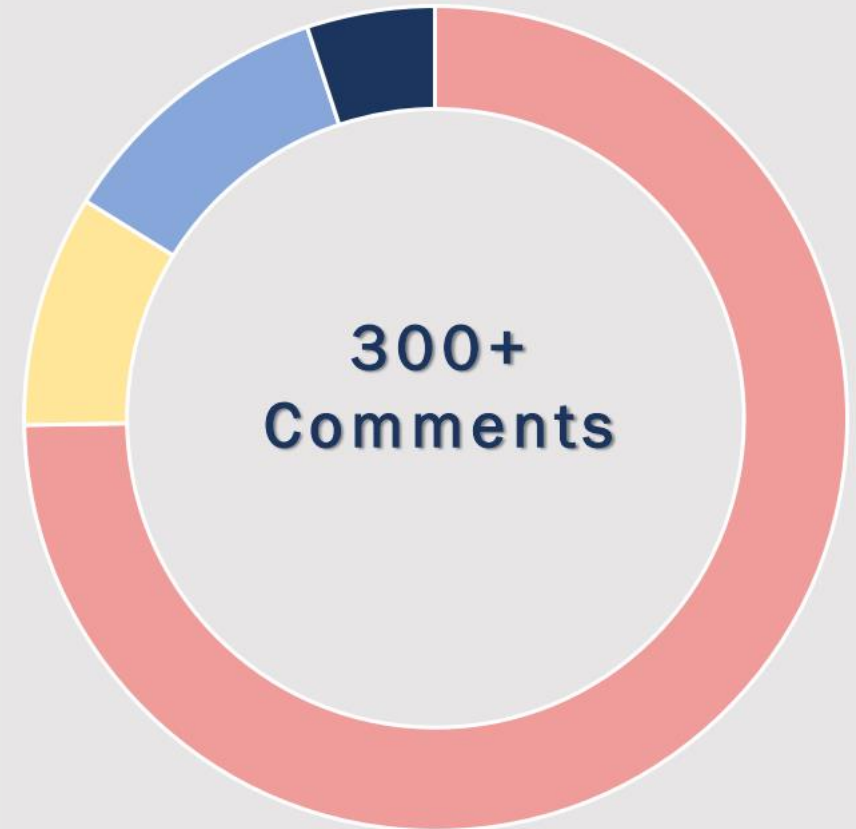
Public Outreach



- Webinar (June 30th)
- Website
 - Draft policy amendments
 - Fact sheet
 - Presentation / slideshow
 - Staff contact information
 - Online comment form
- Public Hearing (July 20th)
- 20+ Meetings with:
 - Tribes
 - MPOs and ACTs
 - Local Jurisdictions
 - Especially in the Portland area
 - Other stakeholders

Public Comment Themes (thus far)

- Overall comments related to tolling
 - General opposition
 - Impacts to local residents
 - Cost burdens and equity
 - Accountability and trust
- Policy-specific comments
 - Corridor definition
 - Diversion and mitigation
 - Revenue use and spending hierarchy
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Tolling

Congestion
Pricing



Combination



Potential Revisions

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Next steps

- Review and respond to all comments received
- Continued partner discussions
- Finalize draft policy text
- Prepare materials for adoption
- OTC November adoption

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.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.

Next Steps

- Complete meeting evaluation
- Next meeting date and time
- Will be scheduling introductory calls for those David hasn't already spoken to.
- Comments to be incorporated into the next version of the draft charter



Thank you!

Please reach out with any questions!

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