

Statewide Toll Rulemaking Advisory Committee Meeting 3 Public Comments

Date received	02/24/2023
Source	Committee Inbox
From	Kim Wallis
Subject	STRAC public comment

NO tolling on Oregon roads! This is an assinine idea. Drop it!

Date received	02/24/2023
Source	Committee Inbox
From	Bill Udy
Subject	nothing to show for it

I believe that have tolling on already existing roads and freeways does not make sense and will antagonize the public. If the program had a plan for reducing congestion, that might work, but to just impose tolls because you can is wrong.

I strongly oppose tolling with nothing to show for it.

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Date received	02/24/2023
Source	Committee Inbox
From	Jay Price
Subject	STRAC public comment

Hi ODOT - STRAC

I am 100% against tolling our roads. (I can see tolling the Interstate Bridge, which needs to be replaced and the Glenn Jackson.) Tolls should be used for maintenance not a deterrent for driving. As the population grows in Oregon we are going to have more cars. We do need additional infrastructure built to handle the cars as there really has been nothing added to our infrastructure since the early 1980s. (And our population in the metro area has nearly doubled!) We also need more parking facilities in Portland but that isn't your jurisdiction.

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Tolling is an added tax that we don't need as Oregonians are overtaxed and taxed incorrectly already. This adds to both.

It will also force people into the neighborhood back ways to get places. I know I'll avoid tolls by doing this.

As we move to more electric and hybrid vehicles, the state is losing gas tax money which should be replaced by higher registration fees on those types of vehicles. You should assume 13,000 miles and 25 mpg to calculate what fees should be added to electric and hybrid vehicles. This would compensate for the loss in gas tax to those modes of transportation.

Best Regards

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Date received	02/25/2023
Source	Committee Inbox
From	Fred Boyd
Subject	Tolls discussion

The toll being reviewed will likely bring in considerable money for projects badly needed or not essential at all but at whose expense ?

Families and businesses will pay the tolls in addition to the gasoline and other taxes were already paying Our family is opposed to the concept !

Date received	02/25/2023
Source	Committee Inbox
From	Wayne Dietz
Subject	Tolls for vehicles.

Tolls for vehicles. Oregon had toll fees in the late 1950's on the interstate highway into Vancouver. This was an inconvenience at first until motorists became used to the practice. I don't recall any long traffic jam and the bridge was paid for in a...

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Source	Committee Inbox
From	Kerri Fiero
Subject	Toll on 205 would do harm and is very wrong. its a trap between 2 rivers for Oregon city residents.

Tolling on 205 not fair to oregon city residents at all. Streets are already Bogged down clogged up and there are a few thousand Apartments and low income apartments being built on those bogged down roads. it takes 5 consecutive traffic lights to get through the one light at 213 to get across it during traffic hours. There have been NO no road improvements already and more apartments and homes being built other places also. Now you want to add all the traffic getting off highway to avoid toll area. Also it will cause problems with Police, Fire, ambulance, first responders, County and state workers, PGE will have problems getting to places and doing there work with so much more traffic and traffic problems so you will be risking lives and needed services in all of our area and if you think thats ok you need to think again. There are 2 rivers we cant get across to go anywhere you have us boxed in we don't have shopping other than fred meyers and groceries but other shopping none that we will be able to get to Oregon city is NOT equipped to handle this at all, and we wont be able to get to even Clackamas in timely manner. It already takes 30-45 Min's one way. and you want us to pay the toll also if we get on Highway which is one of 2 options to cross rivers and Both would be tolled. The only ways across the river except the bridge down town Oregon city that gets hugely all blocked up already and is just 2 lanes it blocks up down town and parts of west linn but you want to add to that. The road to avoid 205 S. is also very backed up This could cost us hours. The area you picked is not appropriate with the rivers there and such small roads in Oregon city. It will cause a bottlenecks, accidents, road rage, hassles for Police fire and all needed services and first responders, It will also cause increased prices for everything and so much frustration you will be trapping those of us who live in oregon city. I have lived here over 30 years. You also are not considering all the apartments going in that are going to cause a huge amount of more traffic already and the fact that Oregon City has no real shopping or a motel we are not as a town equipped to handle this our roads are already filled some dont have hours to spend to go to Clackamas to shop and Some cant sit that long due to disabilities. Just so very wrong Toll roads dont work anywhere else why do you think they will work here you are wasting more money on doing this using our tax dollars for something we dont want this, nobody does in this area especially in Oregon city.. Lets us vote on it and let those it effects the most as we live near by have the say. You also did not make necessary road enhancements and you did not take our livability into consideration. I would move if if could but I'm disabled and Can not physically do what it takes to move nor can I afford to hire people to do it for me. and just going to doctor will cost me \$8 to go one exit and back really 1/2 to 3/4 mile and about 1 hour of time this would double that time I have no way to avoid the toll as I have to cross both rivers and i cant sit for over 45 mins or it damages my spine So what am I to do let you cause me harm. That is just so very wrong. I dont even leave Oregon city. The small bridge is always backed up already. It will cause people their jobs and lively-hoods by being late due to huge traffic issues in our town and being unable to get to work besides the cost of tolls So Many do not have an extra \$180 a month and more due to trucks and services having to pay tolls and economy thats already to high going up more. The added costs and problems will cause more homelessness, More crime when we have little police or law and order, and cause more anger outrage and frustration. The State is causing more problems to their people than good. Its just greed by our Government and leaders that does not use tax money efficiently as it is and does not care about the

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people who pay the taxes. You will be causing harm to the people of this area. I am so against 205 being a toll road and really believe you did not take the residents Of Oregon City being trapped and highly burdened into consideration. at least give us free tolls, but would prefer this whole idea being stopped its a waste of time money and causes more problems than its worth as your toll road will cause us so many problems and heartache just with the traffic coming in our town to avoid the toll, as well as added time loss in our schedules less services and problems for buses first responders and more. You Will be ruining lives already having to work 2 jobs to make it and cutting out any real family time by just adding even more travel time. Just so very wrong. Obviously the People in this area do not matter to Our Leaders or Our Government. Use a trap to get more tolls and Harm the residents that live near by. Just so very WRONG and would harm The people who pay taxes We are your boss not the other way around Stop The toll on 205 Please.....Kerri

Kerri Fiero, Oregon City resident for over 30 years. I am also disabled for 5 years and can not move away.

Date received	03/15/2023
Source	Committee Inbox
From	Roberta Adrian
Subject	Toll

PLease. We are struggled enough financially (gas prices, groceries, rent, medical,etc) to get to our jobs. Please do not add Toll costs . Sincerely, Roberta Adrian

Date received	03/17/2023
Source	Committee Inbox
From	Sue Kalt
Subject	STRAC Public Comment

This is getting ridiculous. You have made up your minds and don't care for our input. Tolling will NOT decrease congestion. You are just going through the motions to make us think we have some input.

- I want to know how we will be charged for this money grab -- this tax on the working people who have to go to work
- I want to know what the fees will be. This variable toll pricing is just one more way you are not being upfront with the public. Variable tolling is like walking into a grocery store that does not listed prices. The cashier can charge whatever they feel. This not transparency and unlike PBOT, ODOT, those of us who watch every penny, need to know the prices -- not variable pricing. as we have to watch our budgets. Something that your department should try before wasting all this money on this tolling scam (i.e. tolling scheme).
- Tell us how much it will cost to go to and from work, run errands and go to appointments. Don't give the advice that we should bike or use mass transit. Both are not viable solutions. That advice is classist, elitist, ableist and ageist. The best AND maximum equity strategy is to remove all barriers. Tolling is a barrier to survival (i.e., going to work to put food on the table) . Remove the barrier -- no tolls -- THAT s equity. You know what is not equity? That some people will get special help to pay those tolls and the transponder. Those of us who make a little more than the poverty guidelines will suffer the most.
- I want to know the cost of the transponder

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- I want to know how you will charge me --- bill me at the end of the month?
- I want to know what fees will be charged for mailing the bill
- I want to know what other fees we will be assessed.

TRANSPARENCY and ANSWERS are needed.

What is 200% of the federal poverty line?

Household Size	150% of HHS Poverty Guidelines*	200% of HHS Poverty Guidelines*
1	\$21,870	\$29,160
2	\$29,580	\$39,440
3	\$37,290	\$49,720
4	\$45,000	\$60,000

\$o someone earning a gross of \$31,000 will not be eligible for aid. I don't live on gross -- I live on net. One third of my paycheck is deducted -- state tax, SS tax, Medicare, county and local options tax, TRANSIT TAX, Federal tax, FMLA tax, other fees. Factor into that property taxes, gas taxes, utility taxes, cost of utilities that leaves very little money on which to live. I now only eat one major meal per day and have a small snack. Sometimes I can't even afford that snack. I work three different part-time jobs. This tolling will take even more out of my meager budget so I can go to work. Mass transit is not the solution since it is chronically late, changes routes without notice and is a HUGE time waster and is UNSAFE and filthy. The stops for the MAX are few and far between. I have to carry items for my job --- hard to do on public transport. Most of us don't lead that cushy life of hopping onto a bus hands-free of items, going to work and hopping back on the bus to come home without arms full of items needed for our one job. Multiply that by three jobs.....

Public transport is not the answer, Using a bicycle to commute to work is not the answer. Telling us to live closer to our work is not the answer and TOLLING IS NOT THE ANSWER.

Get rid of the payroll Transit tax if you are imposing this UNFAIR form of taxation on us. We need to put this on the ballot and vote. Otherwise it is taxation without true representation. Yes, tolling is a form of tax.

BTW, how much money have you already wasted on all these meetings and studies? Be transparent about it. I want to see that accounting. This is money not being put to good use at all.

Tolls will also raise costs on goods and services. That plumber, electrician, painter, will now charge more for their already costly services. Food prices will go up. Stores are not going to absorb that additional hike to their transportation costs.

Bad idea, bad implementation plan will lead to bad results.