

To the Joint Committee on Transportation Special Subcommittee On
Transportation Planning,

Thank you for the opportunity to take public comment on this important matter. I want to write to express my support for tolling. Tolling is a very effective tool at managing demand and encouraging some to take other more climate friendly modes. While I support tolling, it is important to find ways to SHARE REVENUE with local partners, especially to make sure that revenue goes to public and active transportation. You don't have to look too far away to find successful examples of charging for driving and parking and reinvesting that revenue into programs that result in less driving and more biking/walking and transit use (See Portland's parking districts and Transportation Wallet program, Go Lloyd,etc.). It is critical that we act now to stop expanding highways which induce demand for more passenger vehicle trips. Furthermore, I also support EMAC recommendations for the low income toll program.

You will hear a lot from people who say that tolls will be too difficult or it's not fair to people who HAVE to drive. You know that we need to be willing to make big, important decisions in order to change things for the better. This is an important step in getting to a future where we may have a functioning planet and transportation system.

Thank you, my 3 year old son's future health is in your hands.

Sincerely,

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