

I am writing to provide public testimony in regards to possible tolling on I-205 through east Portland. In contrast to highway expansions, road pricing can be an extremely effective technique for managing congestion. However, I am deeply concerned that tolling will be used as a revenue producing mechanism for further highway expansion, such as the impending widening of I-205 at the Abernathy Bridge. ODOT has a long track record of prioritizing funding for road widening rather than maintenance, and without strong guardrails I worry the status quo will continue. I strongly encourage the state to implement dynamic road pricing as a tool for managing congestion, and mandate that revenue be used for road maintenance, transit, and safety projects rather than continued highway expansions that run counter to Portland's climate, safety, and equity goals.

Regards,
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