Greetings,

I am writing on behalf of thousands of Oregonians who are very frustrated with ODOT and the Oregon Legislator's handing of tolls in the Portland Metro area (and expectedly across the state).

The Joint Special Subcommittee On Transportation Planning has been delegated the responsibility to address the concerns of the general public, among other issues related to tolling.

We want the Subcommittee to know that we have had enough of this 7-year tolling process with essentially no interactive engagement by ODOT, the JCT, the OTC, and other governmental agencies. After thousands of queries, there still has been essentially no responses or addressing of the diversion, safety, environmental, financial, and other concerns voiced by the general public, cities, counties, other governmental agencies, and taxpaying businesses.

As such, we are taking the issue of tolling back into our own hands by creating IP-4, the Vote Before Tolls initiative. It is a constitutional amendment that was written in conjunction with the Legislative Counsel's office in Salem, and has already been reviewed by the state Supreme Court.

In short, this initiative requires a regional vote of local counties before any new tolls, including all of the tolls required by HB-2017 and subsequent legislation.

This initiative will require transparency and interactive engagement if agencies want to get approval to institute tolls.

You can learn more at https://VoteBeforeTolls.org

Please consider this formal notice of IP-4. It will not be acceptable to get to the opening of the proverbial toll gate and say "we didn't know about IP-4" or the public's concerns.

Also note that IP-4 includes not only tolls on roads and highways, but also bridges, including the new I-5 bridge over the Columbia River, the Boone Bridge, and the Abernethy Bridge.

I'd be happy to make a more formal presentation and/or answer questions of the Subcommittee if requested.

Best regards,

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