

## 12/14/23 Tolling Testimony

Good evening, members of the Legislative Panel. Thank you for being here this evening.

My name is Gary Newbore and I'm the past President of the Charbonneau Board of Directors and a resident of Charbonneau.

I'm sure you have heard plenty negative comments about tolling by now. Spending 40% of the tax revenue on administration makes it a very inefficient tax and I urge you to explore other revenue mechanisms for ODOT funding, such as perhaps a weight-mile tax, for example. It is not my intention to add more logs to the fire here, but rather repeat a request that I have made to the Oregon Transportation Commission, our legislators, and ODOT in previous oral and written testimonies. To date I have received no feedback or assurances of any kind on any of my testimonies, which I find a very sad statement on so called public input.

Charbonneau is a mostly retired HOA community of about 3000 residents and we have only has one way to get into our city of Wilsonville. That is across the Boone Bridge. Most of our residents need to go into the city on a daily or weekly basis for groceries, gas, medical appointments, post office, library, and all the other services people need from a city.

To place a tolling gantry on the Boone Bridge splits our city and unfairly penalizes the residents of Charbonneau by making us pay more than our proportionate share of transportation taxes. Home values will plummet according to local realtors. Who would buy a home in an area where they had to pay a toll every time you left your house? Charbonneau Businesses will also suffer because of the increased challenge of getting employees.

My request is that if tolling proceeds, that the tolling gantry in this area either be moved south of Charbonneau, I-5 exit 282, or north of Wilsonville, I-5 exit 286. If that is not possible for some unfathomable reason, then grant a toll waiver to Charbonneau residents and employees of our businesses.

It is simply not fair to unduly burden the people of Charbonneau in particular to pay for a region wide transportation system. Our traffic is such a small percentage of the vast intrastate and interstate traffic across the Boone Bridge AND WE HAVE NO OTHER WAY EO GET INTO OUR CITY.

Please figure out a way to give us some relief!

Thank you for your time.