

Greetings,

I am against tolling for the following reasons:

1. Tolling will force traffic off the freeways and onto the surface streets. This will cause congestion on alternative routes (surface streets). This will increase accidents with pedestrians and bike traffic and will lead to delays.
2. Tolling will increase the fees for commercial traffic, especially for local service companies. This will add to inflationary pressures.
3. Tolling favors people with high incomes as the fees are not an issue for them.
4. The tolling is a tax and it should be approved by the voters.
5. Oregon is already a fairly high tax state. We should find other sources of ways to pay for our roads.
6. I favor tolls for specific goals, like constructing a bridge. These types of tolls should have a specific timeline for termination.
7. The current model is unclear as to where the fees would go, it seems like another way to add a general fund tax, not a specific goal.
8. Perhaps a business could receive a credit for having work from home employees or having offset hours of operation. This would reduce the demand for freeway lanes.
9. I don't like the gathering of information associated with the plan. I don't like the complexity of the plan (i.e. having different fees based on income or other modifications that favor one group over another).

Sincerely,

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