

Hello,

I am writing to express my support for the implementation of congestion pricing, and highway tolling, and want this email to be included as written testimony for the meeting.

Congestion pricing has proven to be an effective tool in numerous urban areas around the world. By introducing a dynamic pricing mechanism that charges vehicles for entering high-traffic areas during peak hours, we can significantly reduce congestion, improve traffic flow, and enhance overall transportation efficiency

Appropriate exemptions in congestion pricing systems can alleviate the financial burden on low-income individuals, ensuring that they can access efficient transportation without disproportionately impacting their budgets.

Congestion pricing not only reduces traffic congestion but also promotes environmental sustainability by encouraging the use of public transportation and decreasing overall vehicular emissions.

ODOT must work to actively mend trust deficits with local partners and the public by implementing revenue-sharing agreements and enhancing transparent communication, fostering collaboration and instilling confidence in infrastructure initiatives.

I, a Portland resident support tolling in the region. Our environment and planet are worth too much to do nothing.

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Thanks,

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