

ODOT Tolling Committee,

**Creating toll roads in Oregon City, West Linn, and Gladstone is a horrible idea; we don't want it.**

Oregonians pay enough in gasoline taxes (and property taxes as well) that you don't need another excuse for a tax. What this really boils down to is control over Oregonians.

With tolls, you create another method to limit safe travel on the highways and arterials. Tolls will create congestion as people have to slow down to pay this extortion tax (we see through your greedy ploy). The low-income drivers will be hit the hardest, so they will find ways to circumnavigate the toll areas by using and clogging the arterials.

As members of ODOT, who probably live in the Salem area, you want to create a toll area that is "not in your backyard". I am a proponent for government officials leading by example. Let's do an experiment. Let's put the toll road in front of each and everyone of your homes, on YOUR street, so that every time you pull out of or into your driveway, you pay \$2. Let's do this for 10 years, and if you think it is still a good idea, then you can put it in our backyard. My guess is that you are great at pontificating to extort other people's money and create travel delays, in any area, but your own.

Thanks, but NO THANKS!!!

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