

Greetings transportation panelists,

I was able to attend most of the session held at Gladstone High School on Jan 6 and would like to add my voice in support of what was the overwhelmingly majority opinion and that is absolute opposition to the implementation of tolls in the current study area in particular and throughout Oregon in general. My opposition to tolling in the study area is for the reasons stated repeatedly in the hearing, a regressive tax, anticipation of significant traffic diversion of traffic, and a disproportionate financial burden on local residents and businesses. It looms apparent that alternate funding sources need to be explored for appropriate maintenance of highways and bridges but tolling in general seems to be a dismal choice, not only for the above reasons but also the extremely poor return base on costs of implementation. Also I see a too unfettered opportunity for those ( hopefully few) who might want to leverage greater control over the populace, a concern obviously shared by the founding fathers of our country. I feel there needs to be a priority on seeking revenue streams that will share the burden equally on users and recognizes the need to include fully what appears to be a growing emergence of electric vehicles which often weigh significantly more than their internal combustion counterparts and thus may have an outsized impact on highway maintenance. Also there should be priority on revenue streams that may best utilize current means of implementation in the interest of fiscal responsibility.

Thank you for consideration of my views.

Kind regards, Dave Green

Sent from my iPad