

Dear Tolling Committee,

I am writing to express my deep concern about the proposed toll that will divert traffic from 205 onto our local side streets. This decision has been made without fully considering the serious consequences it will have on our community. Our side streets, and in particular, Willamette Dr/ Hwy 43, are already struggling to handle the current traffic volume, and the addition of even more vehicles will exacerbate safety risks, increase congestion, and negatively impact our quality of life.

By implementing this toll, you will push more drivers to seek alternate routes, which will inevitably lead to an overwhelming surge in traffic on residential streets that are not designed for such heavy use. This will not only create unsafe conditions for pedestrians, cyclists, and children but also increase noise pollution and wear and tear on our infrastructure, ultimately leading to higher maintenance costs for the city of West Linn.

Furthermore, this toll will disproportionately affect those in our community who cannot afford to pay additional fees just to commute, essentially penalizing lower-income residents and forcing them to bear the brunt of this change. Before moving forward, I urge you to conduct a thorough analysis of these consequences and explore alternative solutions that do not compromise the safety and well-being of our neighborhood.

Our community deserves a thoughtful approach that takes into account the long-term impact on all residents, not just those who can afford to pay a toll. I strongly request that you reconsider this decision and engage with our community to find a more equitable solution.

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