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DATE: September 11, 2020
TO: Oregon Transportation Commission

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SUBJECT: *Agenda C – Toll Revenue Dedication and Comprehensive Congestion Management Strategy*

Requested Action:

- A. Continue the August 13, 2020 dialogue to build understanding of the actions, implications, and next steps for tolling in Oregon. Request approval to invest net toll revenues on the corridors from which they were collected.
- B. Receive an update on the Comprehensive Congestion Management Strategy for the Portland Metro area.

Background:

A. Toll Revenue Dedication - With the authority granted in House Bill 2017 Section 120, the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) began work in 2017 to obtain federal approval to implement a congestion management program using congestion pricing on I-5 and I-205 in the Portland metro area.

ODOT continues to conduct extensive stakeholder engagement for the I-205 and I-5 toll corridors through one-on-one meetings; council, board and committee briefings; updates at the Regional Partner Agency Staff Meeting, Region 1 Area Commission on Transportation and other policy groups; and continued collaboration with the staff level Transit and Multi-Modal Working Group and Regional Modeling Group.

Consistently, people living on or near the I-205 and I-5 corridors ask whether toll revenue collected on these corridors should fund improvements in the corridors. This concern was prominent during the Value Pricing Feasibility Analysis and continues now as we engage with communities. Electing to invest the net toll revenues on the corridor allows ODOT to work with stakeholders and partners on how best to use those revenues for investments along the corridor in the early phase of the program development.

ODOT requests that the OTC:

- Approve to invest net toll revenues on the corridors from which they were collected.

B. Comprehensive Congestion Management Strategy – The OTC is currently developing a Strategic Action Plan which includes the following priorities: 1) prioritize diversity, equity, and inclusion 2) modernize the transportation system while addressing climate change and 3) establish sufficient and reliable funding. In alignment with this direction, the Urban Mobility Office has initiated a Portland Metro Area Congestion Management strategy that includes a holistic view of all modes through the lens of the OTC’s priorities. The I-5 Rose Quarter project, I-205 OR213 to Stafford Road project, the Interstate Bridge Replacement program, and the Toll program are tied to transit and bicycle-pedestrian projects by and with our partners. These Urban Mobility projects and programs will be coordinated to optimize those at ODOT Region 1 and our regional partner’s portfolios to manage congestion and increase mobility throughout the region. This blueprint will evolve over time at the OTC’s direction to reflect the objectives of the Strategic Action Plan.