

RESOLUTION NO. 5595-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUALATIN
ESTABLISHING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE I-205 TOLLING PROJECT

WHEREAS, after the passage of HB 2017 in 2017, the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) began planning to replace the Abernethy Bridge and widen I-205 from four lanes to six lanes from the Willamette River to the Stafford Road exit; and

WHEREAS, funding can be made available to complete replacement of the Abernethy Bridge without imposing tolls on I-205; and

WHEREAS, ODOT's modeling shows that a substantial number of trips and hours of congestion will move from I-205 to county roads and local streets; and

WHEREAS, diversion remains unaddressed by the I-205 Tolling Project. Many of the roads that will experience diversion are already congested, have inadequate transit service, and lack bicycle and pedestrian facilities; and

WHEREAS, ODOT has failed to apply their own Equity Framework to analyze the impact of tolling on historically marginalized communities, particularly the elderly, low income residents, and Latino households who will be impacted by expected diversion; and

WHEREAS, ODOT's application to amend the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) asks the Portland Metropolitan Region to find that tolling is consistent with regional goals and objectives prior to completing critical modeling work, coordination with transit providers, analysis of environmental benefits, and funding for mitigation measures.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUALATIN, OREGON, that:

Section 1. The Portland Metropolitan Region should complete the Regional Mobility Pricing Project before implementing tolling on any single section of highway.

Section 2. Prior to amending the RTP, ODOT should convene a working group to develop a plan for capital and programmatic projects needed to deal with the impacts that communities, neighborhoods, and residents will experience from diversion from a toll on I-205.

Section 3. ODOT should evaluate funding the construction of Phase 1A of the I-205 project, the construction of a seismically sound Abernethy Bridge, with funds other than from tolling, including from the Infrastructure Investments and Jobs Act (IIJA).

Section 4. The 2023 update of the Regional Transportation Plan should explicitly address the question of whether road user fees may be used as a funding source for future capital projects. The RTP should also set policy for the elements that need to be in place prior to implementation of user fees and congestion pricing, such as an equity framework, programs for low income residents, policies for analyzing diversion, adequate transit service, infrastructure for carpooling and vanpooling, and safe and connected bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.

Section 5. This resolution is effective upon adoption.

Adopted by the City Council this 24th Day of January, 2022.

CITY OF TUALATIN, OREGON

BY _____
Mayor

ATTEST:

BY _____
City Recorder