

Tolling in the Portland Metro Region

Purpose

Tolling is part of ODOT's long-term strategy to manage congestion and sustainably raise revenue for roadway and multimodal investments. The Oregon Toll Program consists of two toll projects: I-205 Toll Project and the Regional Mobility Pricing Project.

Toll revenues will help fund transportation projects in the Portland metropolitan area and maintain and improve our multimodal transportation system.

How Oregon Tolls Would Work

Drivers do not stop and pay. An all-electronic collection system allows drivers to keep moving. Toll systems read a transponder — a small device placed on the inside of the windshield associated with an account — or capture a picture of the vehicle's license plate to collect a toll. The tolls will vary according to a set schedule, with higher rates during peak travel hours – Variable Rate Toll. Drivers will know the cost before going on the toll road.

Tolls would benefit those who pay the toll with a faster, more reliable trip and provide funds for highway and multimodal improvements to improve mobility and safety.

Toll rates

The Oregon Transportation Commission will set toll rates based on public input, cost of living, inflation, congestion relief goals, and revenue needs. Toll rates will be determined after the environmental review process and **about six months before tolls begin**. Tolling is anticipated to start in late 2024 on I-205.

I-205 Toll Project & Regional Mobility Pricing Project Map



Benefits

- ✓ Improves travel time on I-5 and I-205 and increases reliability, safety, and efficiency.
- ✓ Reduces greenhouse gas emissions and fuel consumption.
- ✓ Creates new, sustainable funding source through a user fee.
- ✓ Supports enhanced transportation equity and mobility.



Equity is Guiding Our Work

Equity is a priority for ODOT. The goal is to create better solutions for those historically and currently excluded and underserved. We are:

- Collaborating with community partners.
- Applying an equity framework for project development to measure and support community engagement.
- We are engaging the Equity and Mobility Advisory Committee to improve outcomes for communities.

What's Next

I-205 Tolling

ODOT will use variable-rate tolls on the Abernethy and Tualatin River Bridges to raise revenue to complete the [I-205 Improvements Project](#) and manage congestion. ODOT is moving forward with development of the Environmental Assessment. It will be available for public review and comment in fall 2022.

Regional Mobility Pricing Project

We are currently in the initial planning phase for the Regional Mobility Pricing Project, which evaluates tolling the entire I-5 and I-205 corridor. ODOT will study tolling options, identify strategies to make tolling easier on travelers and historically excluded and underserved communities, and invite public input.

The **Oregon Department of Transportation's Urban Mobility Strategy** is a cohesive approach to make everyday travel safer and more efficient in the Portland area.

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