



## ODOT seeking public input on tolling

March 1, 2023

There are two opportunities in coming weeks for the public to express their views about Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) tolling plans to ODOT.

### I-205 Toll Project Environmental Assessment

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) is planning tolls on the Abernethy and Tualatin River bridges to pay for improvements that will reduce congestion and improve safety. Tolls collected from drivers will be invested back into Clackamas County.

On Feb. 21, 2023, ODOT published an [Environmental Assessment](#) (EA) -- a detailed report that describes ODOT's plans, and the benefits and impacts of I-205 tolling and improvements in Clackamas County. They want to hear comments about the report from the public. Learn the details, see an interactive map and provide your feedback to ODOT [online](#), by phone (503-837-3536), by email ([I205TollEA@odot.oregon.gov](mailto:I205TollEA@odot.oregon.gov)) or at a public meeting (see below).

#### PUBLIC INPUT SCHEDULE

##### ODOT Webinars:

- Tuesday, March 14: 6:00-7:30 p.m. [Zoom webinar link](#)
- Thursday, March 16: 12:00-1:30 p.m. [Zoom webinar link](#)

**ODOT virtual public hearing** (with concurrent in-person opportunity for oral comment to a court reporter): Tuesday, April 4, 3:00-6:00 p.m.

**Submit comments to ODOT:** <https://www.oregon.gov/odot/tolling/Pages/Contact-Us.aspx>

**Input schedule:** Currently comment on the EA must be submitted by April 7 -- just 45 days after it was published. Because of the importance of this issue, and the length and complexity of the documents (approximately 3,000 pages with appendices), the county has requested a 45-day extension (see attached letter) to allow sufficient time to read, analyze and respond to the EA.

Requests for an extension, which can be submitted by individuals and organizations, may be sent by email to [I205TollEA@odot.oregon.gov](mailto:I205TollEA@odot.oregon.gov), [Mandy.PUTNEY@odot.oregon.gov](mailto:Mandy.PUTNEY@odot.oregon.gov), and [Kristopher.W.STRICKLER@odot.oregon.gov](mailto:Kristopher.W.STRICKLER@odot.oregon.gov) with copies to [keith.lynch@dot.gov](mailto:keith.lynch@dot.gov), [nathaniel.price@dot.gov](mailto:nathaniel.price@dot.gov) and [Thomas.parker@dot.gov](mailto:Thomas.parker@dot.gov).

### Tolling and Oregon's Land Use Program

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) is inviting the public to comment on hearing ODOT's recommendation that the statewide tolling program not be added to the "Programs Affecting Land Use" as found in the [OAR 731, division 015](#):

You can also send an email with comments to [OHPmanager@odot.oregon.gov](mailto:OHPmanager@odot.oregon.gov) by **March 15, 2023**. For more information: <https://www.Oregon.gov/ODOT/Planning/Pages/tolling-program-hearing.aspx>