



To: ODOT and the Federal Highway Administration,
From: Stafford Hamlet Board of Directors and Residents

Would like to place in the public record the following comments and recommendations concerning I-205 Projects

1. Extend Public comment period additional 30 days. April 21st currently-
Not feasible to digest the huge document by general public in that amount of time.
Local residents and even members of Clackamas County Staff, Advisor Boards and cities are struggling getting through this HUGE document.
Extend the time line for Citizen, County, Cities comment period another 30 days.
2. Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is needed. The Environmental Assessment (EA) does not provide the evidence that this projects benefits outweigh the negative impacts.
i.e. Environmental- No data, analysis, mitigation for the top 5 green-house emitters surround this area, (Lake Oswego, Oregon City, West Linn, Tualatin and Wilsonville). The diversion off I 205 thru local streets, neighborhoods and communities have not been fully addressed and has Little or No Support for mitigation offered from ODOT.
3. Safety of residents on local, city and county roadways-
Mitigation of Crosswalks, bike pathways, stripping, are not good solutions to diverted traffic.
"The rerouting of traffic away from I 205 would bring a percentage of traffic through commercial districts along alternative routes." (Concept Evaluation and Recommendations Technical Memorandum)
Why were Lake Oswego, West Linn not projected to experience increase in traffic volumes not studied?
What impacts on Stafford Hamlet area will diversion traffic have on Air quality and climate.
EIS would insure a broader evaluation of potential impacts both Positive and Negative.
4. Tolling before mitigation solutions are in place will have lasting impacts on the livability and character of local and regional communities. Negative impacts outweigh benefits by far. "Build it then fix it" Does not Work. Again, requesting need for EIS
5. An in-depth study of actual business impacts needs to be conducted and solutions looked at before this program is approved or maybe not funded! Diversion and financial impacts need to be further analyzed.

6. EIS would address total impacts of ODOT's tolling and Regional Mobility Pricing Project.

Need to address as "total regional impacts." "analysis would be required to determine whether the effect of combining multiple Round 2 concepts would be positive or negative"

(1 Concept Evaluation and Recommendations Technical Memorandum #3)

If tolling of I-5 and I-205 will happen, it needs to be analyzed together. EIS is appropriate to address both not a EA. Future of area will need to be protected and proper analysis should be required.

7. There is no approved "long range" funding plan for future mitigation of traffic issues.

Transit in the area is "limited" at best, no funding plan projected to adequately provide funding.

8. The actions of ODOT will set the precedents for tolling not just I-205, but throughout the entire State of Oregon. It is imperative that "we" get it right. Therefore, we again request that a Environmental Impact Statement be done and completed before approval or denial of tolling I 205 and Regional Mobility Pricing Project. A project that currently has very little support in the region and possibly even statewide.

The Stafford Hamlet representing over 2,000 residents, request that an in-depth Environmental Impacts Statement be required for this project that will have everlasting consequences on the region. It deserves a fully vetted document that has community backing and will support and approve of its outcomes.

Sincerely,

Stafford Hamlet Board of Directors