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Mandy Putney
Oregon Dept. of Transportation
355 Capitol Street NE
Salem, OR 97301
Via email

March 1, 2023

Dear Ms. Putney:

We are aware that the public comment period for the I-205 Toll Project Environmental Assessment (EA) began on February 21, 2023. **After initial review of the materials, we do not feel that the 45 day public comment period that ODOT is offering is sufficient.** The Environmental Assessment includes thousands of pages of information that must be reviewed and analyzed before comments can be developed. Comments will then need to be presented, discussed and coordinated through this body and our coordinating body, the Clackamas County Coordinating Committee (C4).

We are also concerned about the lack of opportunities for public engagement. Two webinars, one three-hour public hearing, and a survey all set to occur within 45 days will not provide sufficient opportunity for our community members to become informed and have the opportunity to provide feedback. More time and more opportunities are needed.

You are proposing a major change to how our transportation system (both on and off the highway) will function as evidenced by the extensive analysis presented in the EA. This proposal will cause significant impacts to our communities which we do not take lightly.

Therefore, as a participating agency for the I-205 Toll Project Environmental Assessment, we formally request an additional 45 days be added to the public comment period for the I-205 Toll Project Environmental Assessment which will result in a 90 day public comment period. This extension will allow adequate time for review and public engagement.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tootie Smith, Chair
On Behalf of the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners

CC: Kris Strickler, Oregon Department of Transportation
Keith Lynch, Federal Highway Administration