



Decision on Value Pricing Application to FHWA

HB 2017 Sec 120:
Portland Metro Area Value Pricing

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OTC Action Requested

Direction regarding ODOT's submittal of the Application to FHWA, which would advance initial tolling projects on I-5 and I-205 for project development and federal review.



OTC Process/Timeline

Aug 2017	OTC directs ODOT to convene PAC and initiate the Value Pricing Feasibility Analysis
Feb 2018	Project Update – Technical approach & public engagement
May 2018	Project Update – PAC progress & recommendation framework
July 2018	Report on PAC Recommendation
Aug 2018	ODOT seeks OTC direction
Dec 06, 2018	Presentation of Draft application to FHWA
Dec 31, 2018	<i>Section 120 deadline for submittal</i>



Oregon Application to FHWA: Value Pricing Feasibility Analysis and Proposed Implementation

Traffic Congestion Relief Program



Final Draft
December 2018



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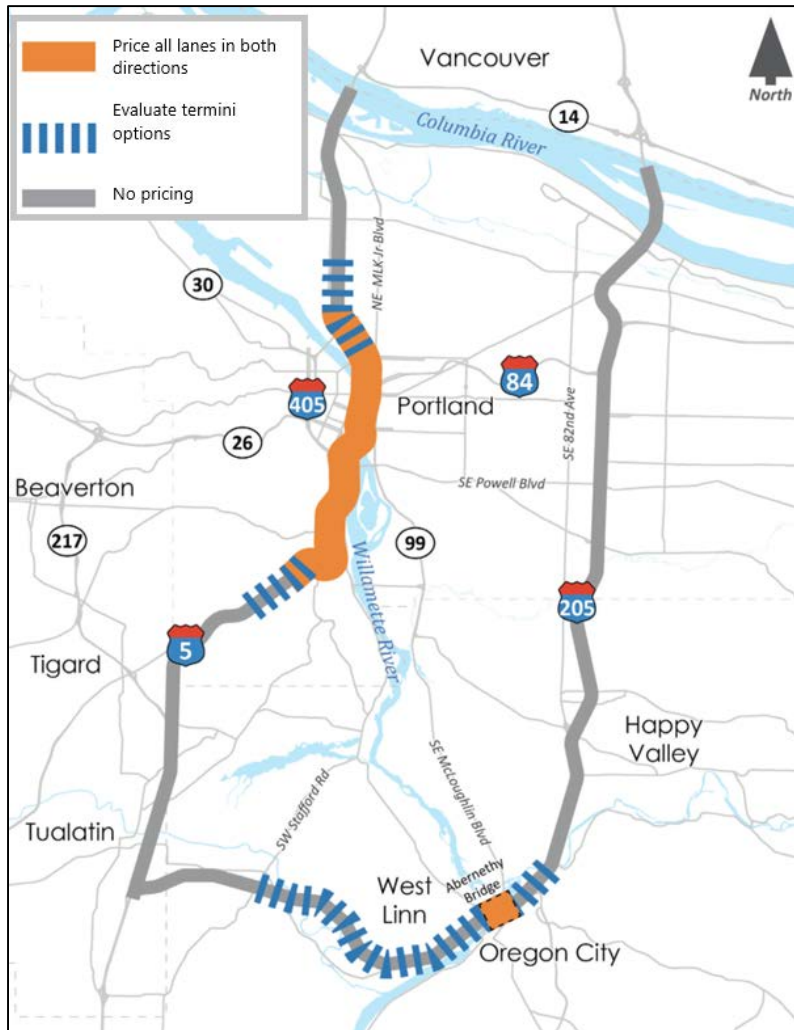
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OBJECTIVES

- **Create a revenue source** to help fund bottleneck relief projects in the corridor. Priority projects are:
 - *Interstate 205*: planned widening and bridge reconstruction (including seismic) between Oregon Highway 99E and Stafford Road.
 - *Interstate 5*: Auxiliary lanes and highway shoulders between I-84 and I-405 (Rose Quarter).
- Use variable toll rates to **manage traffic congestion** in the I-5/I-205 corridor



Proposed projects / Request to FHWA



- Interstate 205 on or near the George Abernethy Bridge
- Interstate 5 in the vicinity of N Going/ Alberta St to SW Multnomah Blvd



Proposed projects / Request to FHWA

Mitigation priorities

Improved public transit & other transportation choices

Provisions for low income communities

Strategies to minimize and mitigate impacts from diversion



Proposed projects / Request to FHWA

**Request for
concurrence or
clarification in 3
areas**

A

Federal tolling programs

B

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next steps

C

Estimated timeline for
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Proposed projects / Request to FHWA

A. Federal tolling programs

- Value Pricing Pilot Program (VPPP)
- Section 129 Mainline Tolling



Oregon requests that FHWA respond to ODOT and the OTC by confirming eligibility or providing clarifying policy direction on the tolling program requirements described in this section.

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B. Proposed scope for next steps

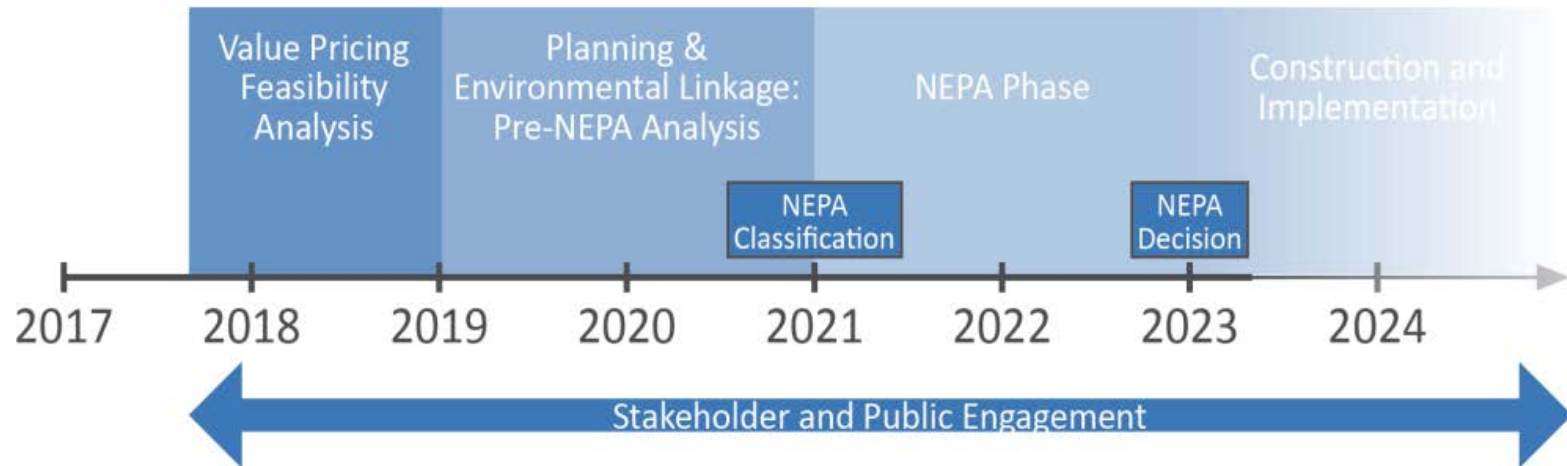
- Engagement & coordination
- Analysis & development
- Analysis of equity impacts & benefits
- Revenue & cost analysis
- Alternatives selection & project termini
- Environmental Baseline Report

Oregon requests that FHWA respond to ODOT and the OTC by confirming the adequacy of the general scope described below, or by providing clarifying policy direction to ensure an adequate analysis is conducted.



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C. Estimated timeline for federal review

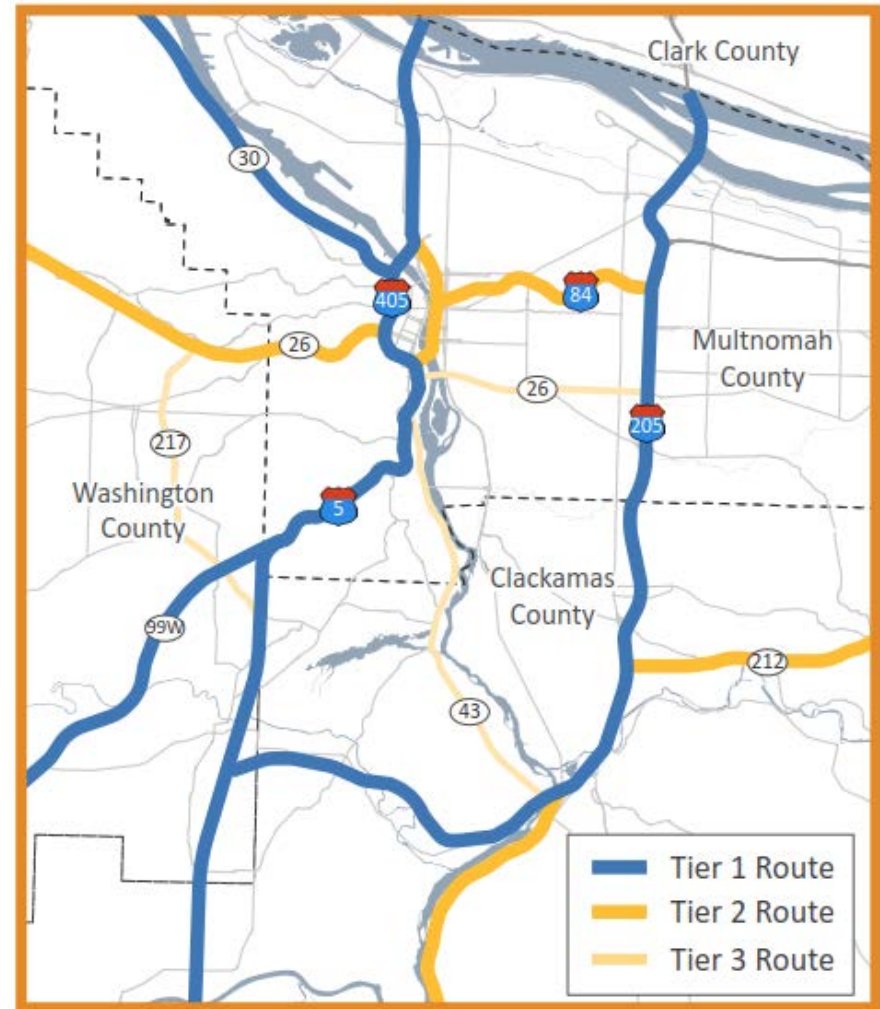


Oregon requests that FHWA respond to ODOT and the OTC by confirming or by providing clarifying policy direction regarding the anticipated timeline for NEPA review described in this section.

Reason Statement

- Critical routes for statewide & interstate economies
- Regional population/ job growth increasing congestion
- Seismic lifeline routes
- Planned projects with funding gaps
- Reduced federal role in major infrastructure projects

Seismic lifeline routes



Existing Policies

- 1995 – Senate Bill 626 governing tollway project authority, agreements, funding, and fee collection
- 2006 – OTC adopted Oregon Highway Plan Goal 6: Tolling & Congestion Pricing
- Article IX of the Oregon Constitution governs the State Highway Fund
- Regional Transportation Plan (2018) reaffirms pricing as a strategy with multiple objectives, including system management and transportation revenue



Value Pricing Feasibility Analysis - Overview



Public involvement by the numbers



1,000+ attendees at 21 in-person events



2,500+ completed questionnaires



6,000+ written and verbal public comments



600,000+ people reached through social media



2 online open houses and 13,000+ views



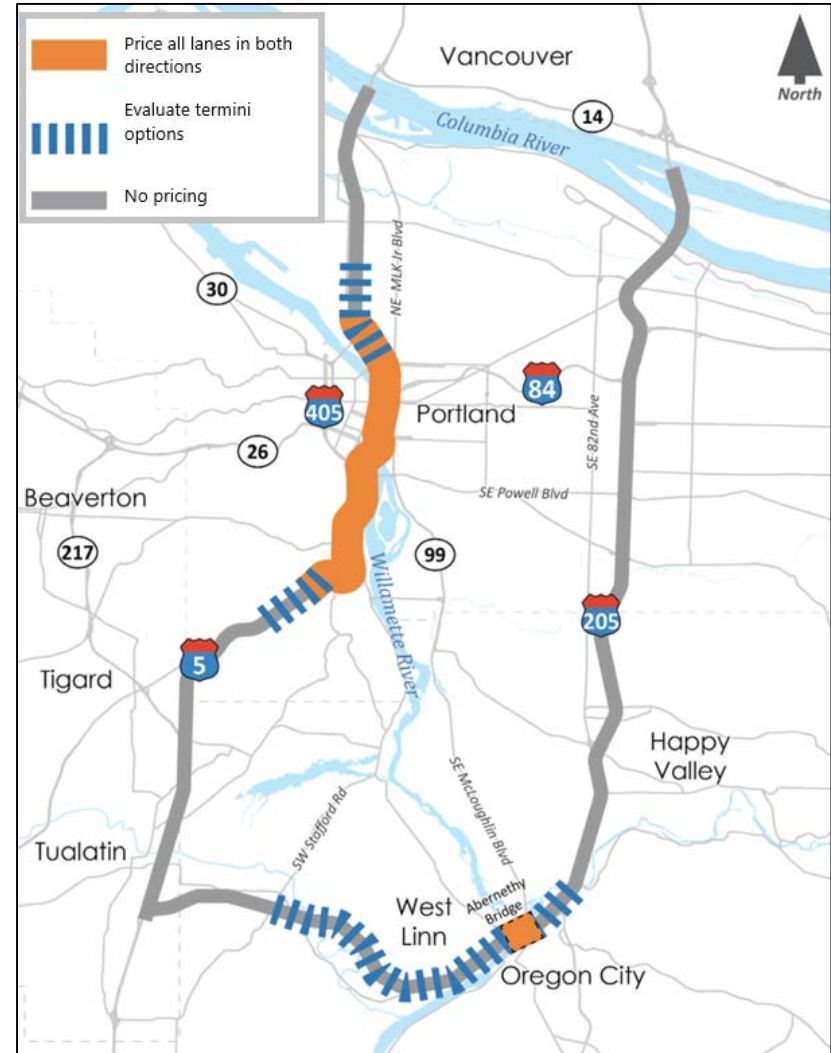
2 project videos with 24,000+ views



50+ community group presentations

Next steps and targeted timing

- ❑ Submit Final application to FHWA (due December 31)
- ❑ Receive response
- ❑ Begin consultant procurement (February)
- ❑ Notice to proceed (April)





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Does the commission support ODOT's submittal of this Application to FHWA, which would advance initial tolling projects on I-5 and I-205 for project development and federal review?