

I-205 Toll Project Traffic Effects Webinar

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How does tolling affect traffic?







Agenda

I-205 Project Background

Environmental Assessment Timeline

Preliminary Traffic Data

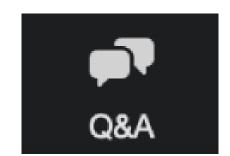
Q&A Session

Next Steps

Webinar tips

We want to hear from you!

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- The moderator will read questions to the panelists who will answer.
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Meeting Agreements

- We will treat others, and other viewpoints, with respect
- We will listen with an open mind
- We will respect the role of the facilitator to guide the group process
- We acknowledge there may be frustration and differences of opinion

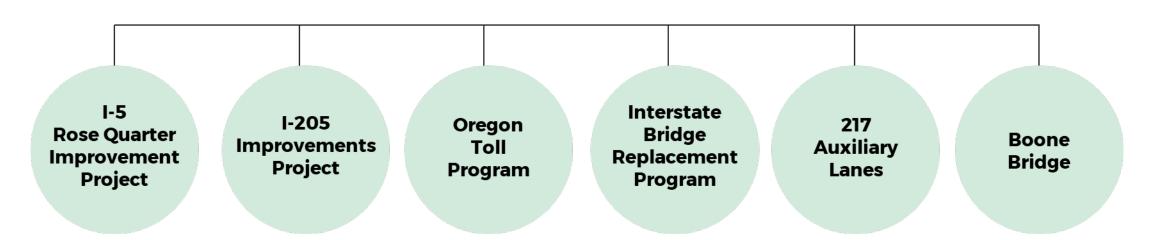




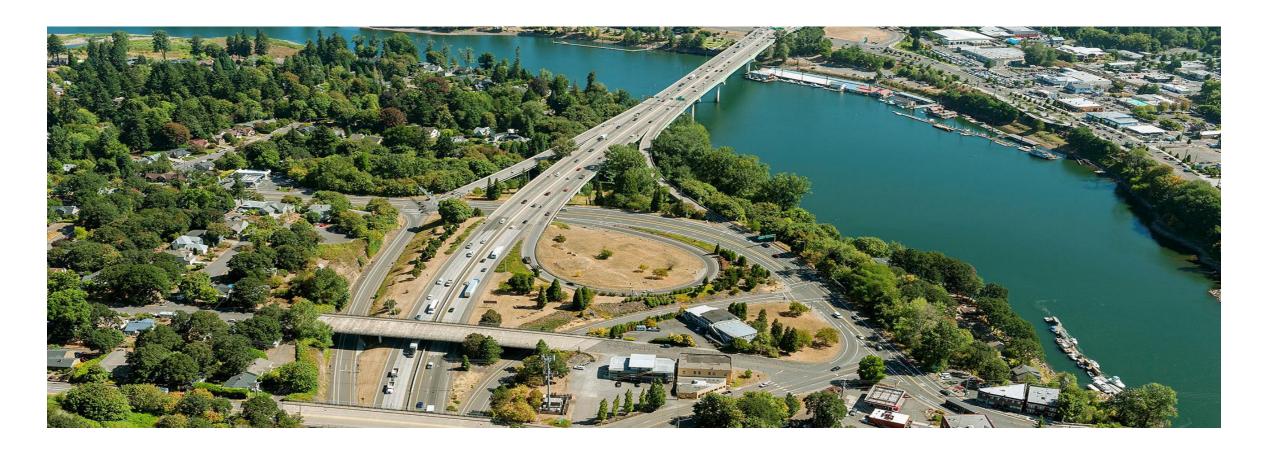
Overview of I-205 Projects

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I-205 Improvements Project: Stafford Road to OR 213







Project Need















Project Benefits

Improving our economy – reliable, safer, earthquake-ready travel on I-205.



Earthquake-Ready Bridges

 Strengthened Abernethy Bridge and 8 other bridges will improve our region's ability to recover quickly after a major earthquake.



Fewer Crashes

 Improved interchanges and on- and off-ramps will make travel safer, resulting in fewer crashes.



Reduced Congestion and Travel Times

• Additional travel lane in each direction will make travel faster and more predictable.





Comprehensive approach

 I-205 Toll Project is the first step toward a regional, comprehensive approach to use tolls to fund investments and manage congestion

Toll revenue will fund the I-205
 Improvements Project

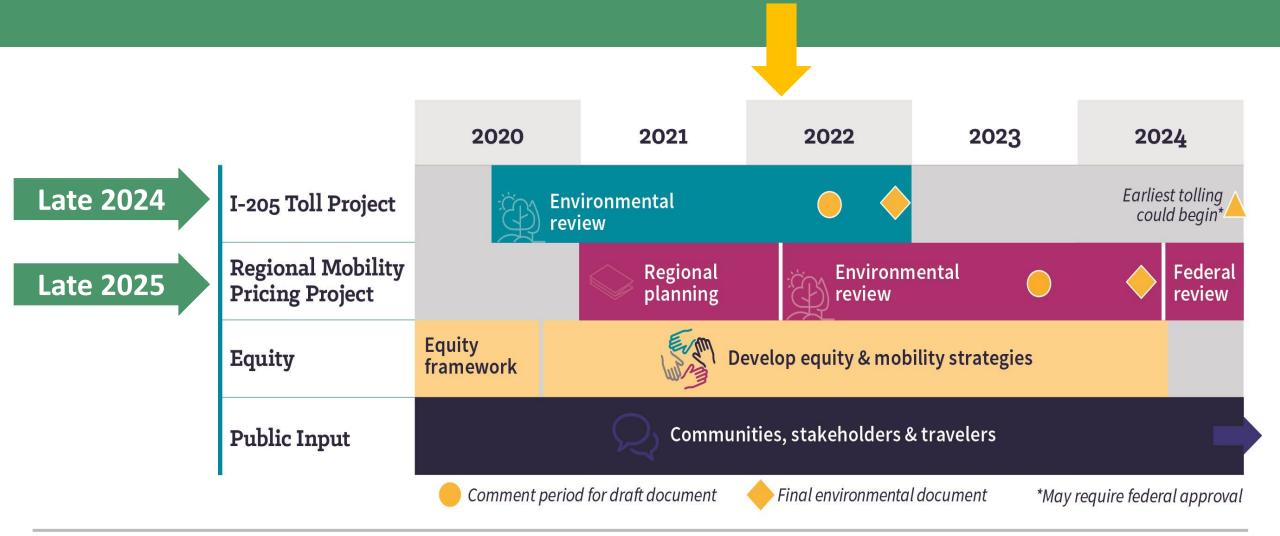








When would it start?

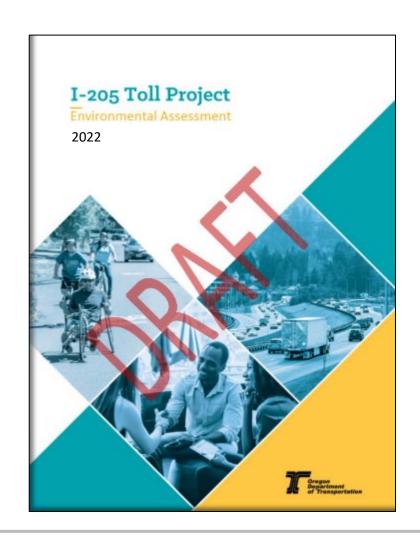






Environmental Review





Currently conducting analysis

Draft Environmental Assessment will be released for public review and comment in **June 2022**

Will include:

- Detailed project description
- Technical analysis and findings
- Potential options to address negative impacts





Information we are studying with the I-205 Toll Project

Travel time (local and highway)

Diversion

Safety, freight, and sound

Climate and air quality

Business impacts

Toll rate and revenue estimates

Impacts to low-income populations

Equity impacts





Preliminary Traffic Data in Clackamas County

Mandy Putney and Chris Wellander

Preliminary Data: 2045 Congestion on I-205



If we Do Nothing:

- I-205 is expected to be congested for up to 14 hours a day in both directions
- Extensive diversion and congestion on the local system

If we Toll & Invest:

 Hours of congestion through the project area are expected to be eliminated in the northbound direction and reduced to 2 hours in the southbound direction







Preliminary Data: I-205 Benefits with Toll & Invest

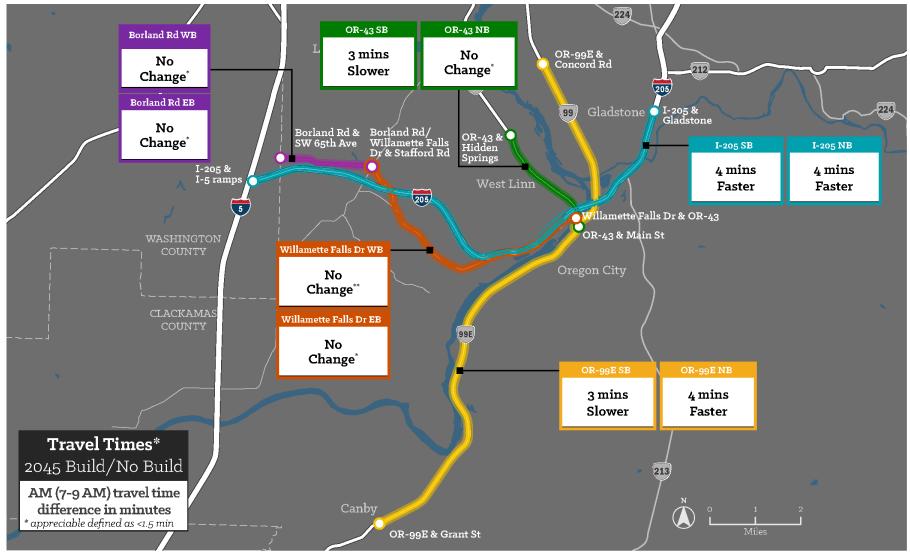
In 2045 under the Toll & Invest alternative, we can expect:

- Over 50% decrease in PM northbound travel time and about 25% decrease in AM southbound travel time on I-205
- About 70% improvement in travel time reliability on I-205 which greatly benefits freight
- 20% reduction in crashes on I-205



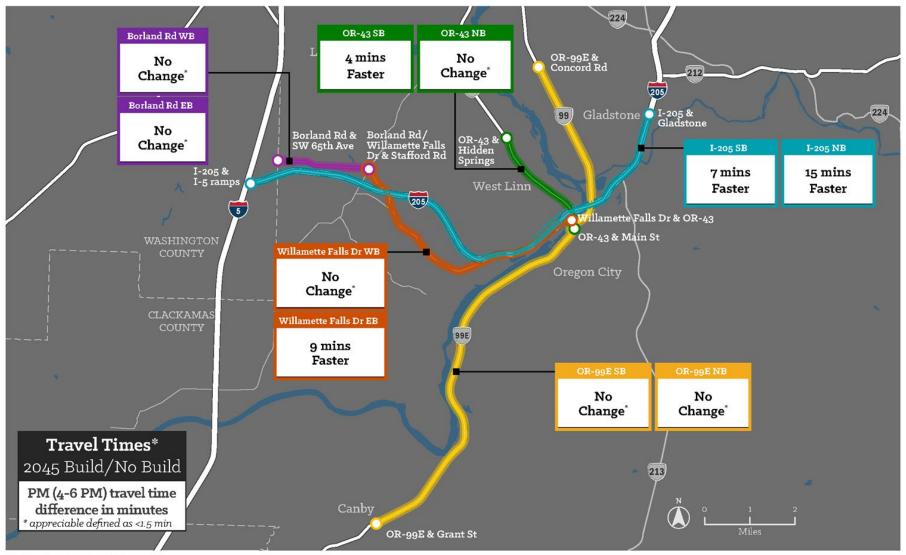


Morning travel times with Toll & Invest (2045)



^{**} Based on DTA model output

Afternoon travel times with Toll & Invest (2045)



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Key Term: Diversion

- When there are fewer vehicles on the road due to changes to trip timing, destination, mode or trips not being made (e.g. telework)
- Rerouting is when drivers take a different route to not pay the toll
- Rerouting does not necessarily mean an impact









Preliminary Data: Understanding Diversion in 2045

Lower rate of rerouting occurs during rush hour

Some trips shift to non-rush hour, with a small shift to carpools or transit

- 2000 daily trips shift to High Occupancy Vehicles
- 2% increase in transit ridership on I-205

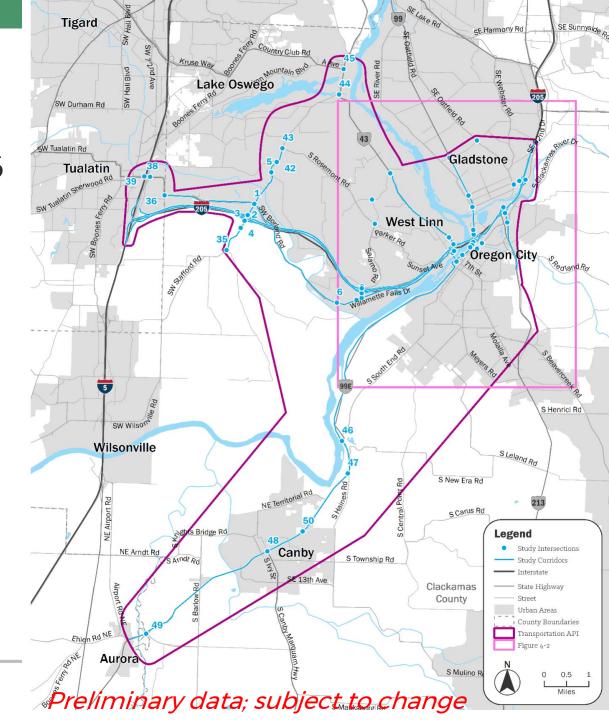
ODOT will monitor diversion after implementation





Preliminary Data: Transportation Analysis

- 50 intersections that were projected to have the most traffic at rush hour were selected for study
- Examined morning (7-9 am) and afternoon (4-6 pm) rush hours
- The irregular purple boundary in the image on the right is the Area of Potential Impact (API) that was studied.





Local Traffic Effects

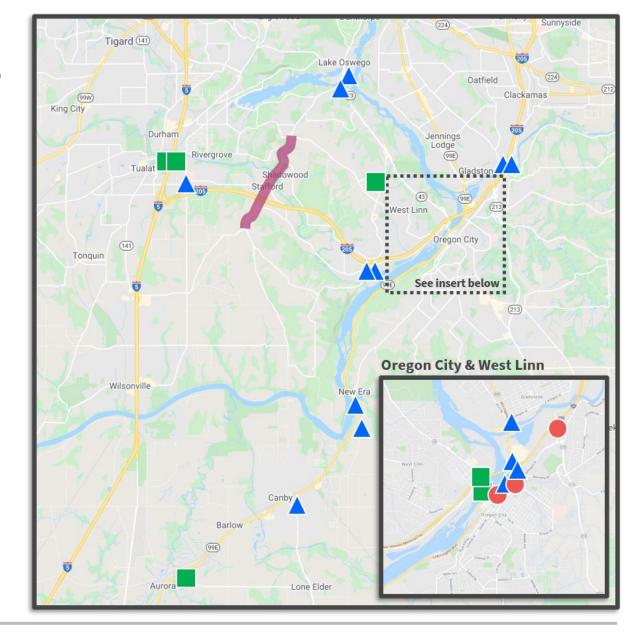




14 intersections do not meet standards in the future if we do nothing. With tolling project they get some degree worse.









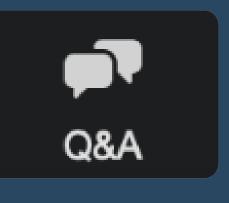
Potential Solutions to Address Impacts

Increased traffic controls (lights, signage) or other intersection improvements

Improvements to transit facilities

Improvements to pedestrian/bicycle facilities

Q&A



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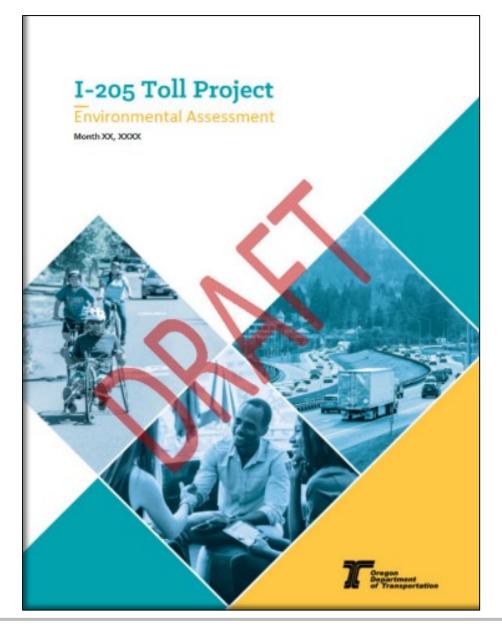
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 Gather ideas on how to address key issues



- Make your voice heard!
 - June/July I-205 Toll
 Project public comment
 period







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