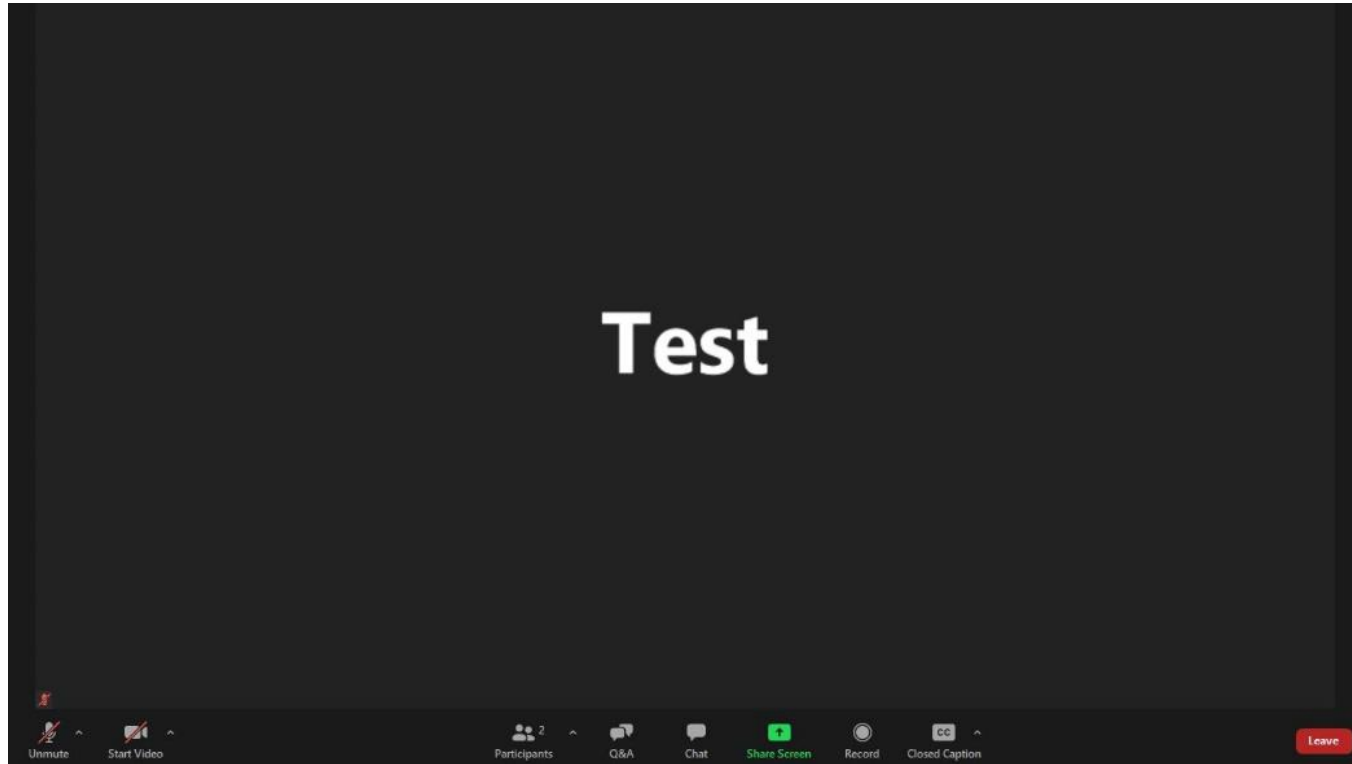
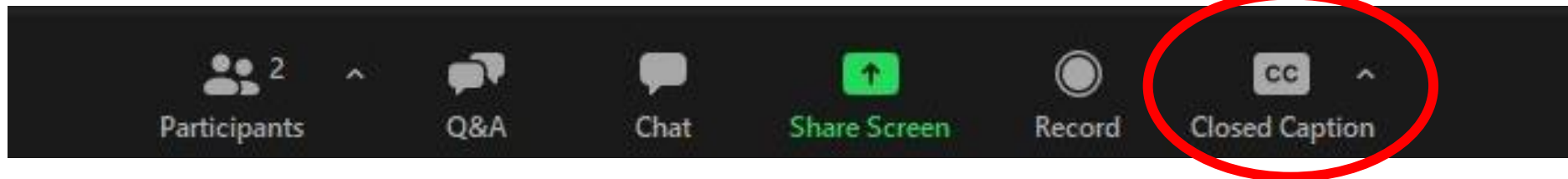


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Regional Mobility Pricing Project: Public Scoping Webinar

November 29 & 30, 2022

Today's Presenters and Panelists



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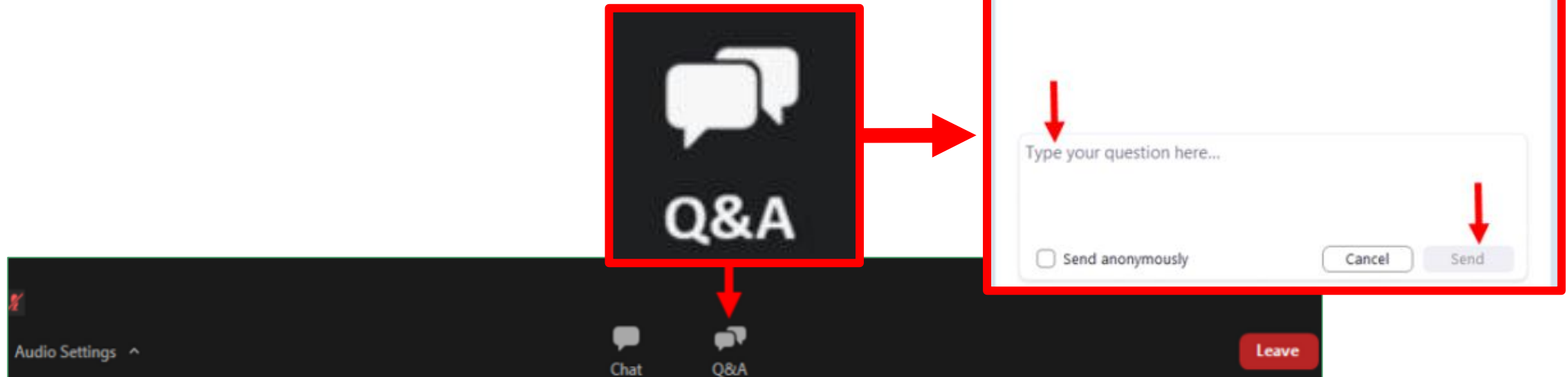
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Today's conversation

- 1 Welcome and Agenda Review (10 min)
- 2 Background and Overview of Congestion Pricing (5 min)
- 3 What is Being Proposed? (5 min)
- 4 Current Status & How to Comment (10 min)
- 5 Q&A with the Project Team Panel (25 min)
- 6 Closing and How to Stay Engaged (5 min)

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Welcome

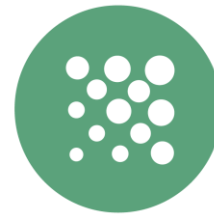


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Urban Mobility Office
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Recent History on Tolling



2015-2016: Governor led transportation visioning panel with meetings around the state



2020-2021: Urban Mobility Strategy created to coordinate all projects for climate, equity, safety and mobility







2017: House Bill 2017 passed – identified core projects and gave direction to study and implement a toll program for congestion relief








2021: House Bill 3055 passed – allows for financial flexibility to deliver core projects, including toll program development

Urban Mobility Strategy Map

ODOT Projects

-  System Improvement Project
-  Bike/Ped Crossing Project
-  Regional Mobility Pricing Project
-  I-205 Toll Project

Partner Project with ODOT Support

-  System Improvement Project
-  Bike/Ped Crossing Project
-  Bus on Shoulder Pilot
-  TriMet Project
-  Multimodal/Community Study

Note: Core project names are boxed



Congestion

- Congestion drains \$1.2 million per day from our local economy
- Region is expected to grow 23% by 2040
- Daily congestion on I-205 alone is expected to jump to 14 hours per day



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Portland is ranked No. 11
in the United States
for traffic congestion.

Safety

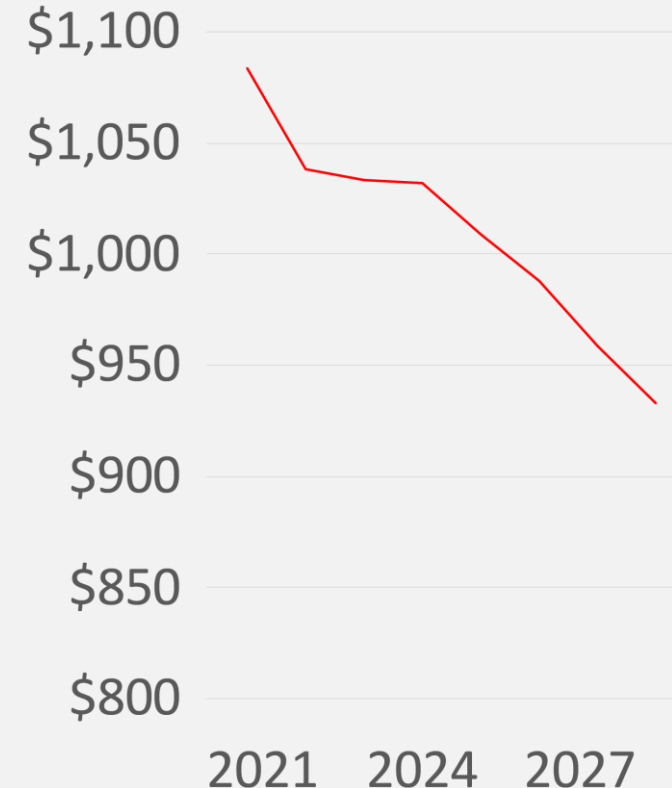
- I-5 and I-205 combined accounted for 23,000+ crashes from 2015 – 2019
- Current infrastructure will fail during a Cascadia level earthquake
 - No seismic resilient interstate bridge across the Willamette River in the Portland area
- Emergency responders are stuck in traffic just like the rest of us



Increased Costs

- The decline of the gas tax
 - It's flat rate tax that has not kept up with inflation
 - Fuel efficient cars, while great for the climate, mean less revenue
- Highway and bridge construction costs jumped by 20% from 2021 – 2022

State Highway Fund Net Revenue
Adjusted for Inflation; Millions of Dollars



Community Engagement: 2017 to today

Value Pricing Feasibility Analysis 2017-2018

- 4,400 responses to questionnaire
- ~20,000 online open house attendees
- 400+ attendees at in-person events
- ~300 participants in community discussions



Regional Mobility Pricing Project: Initial Planning Summer/Fall 2021

- 6,500+ survey responses
- ~59 participants in community discussion groups
- 50+ participants in two virtual stakeholder workshops



Regional Mobility Pricing Project: Initial Planning Spring 2022

- 12,000+ survey responses
- ~80 participants in community discussions
- 7 stakeholder interviews
- ~200 attendees at tabling events and briefings



Response to Community Input

- Minimizing impacts from rerouting and other concerns
- Developing a toll discount program for low-income drivers
- Continuing work on a strategy to enhance transit
- Keeping the public engaged and sharing information



Background and Overview of Congestion Pricing



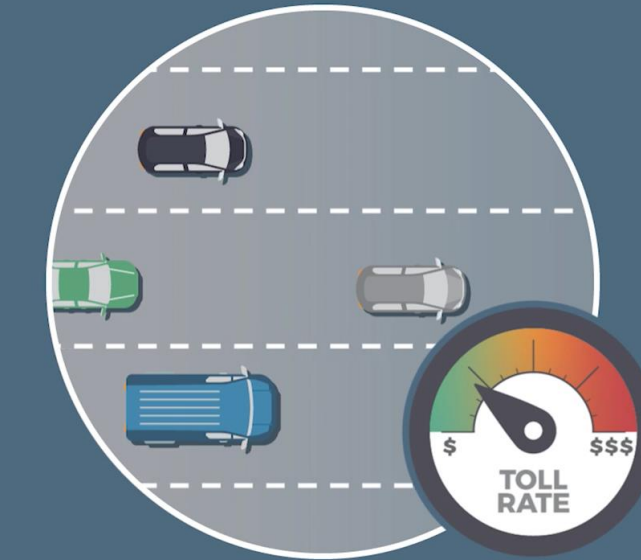
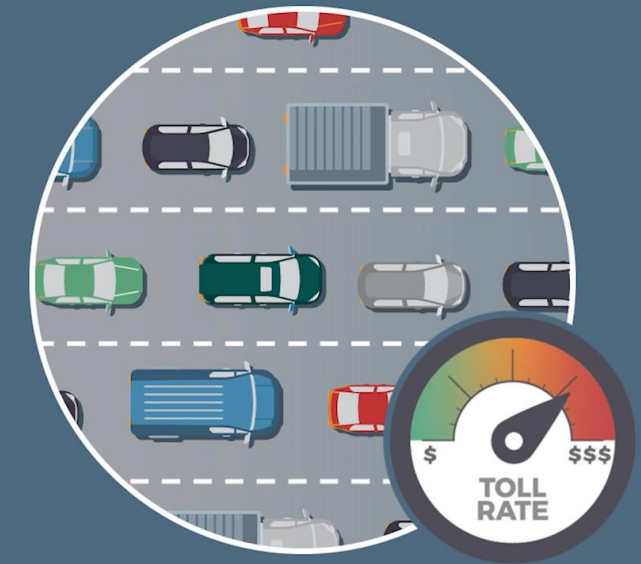
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Basic Definitions

- **Congestion Pricing** is a type of tolling that:
 - Charges a higher price during peak traffic periods
- We are doing congestion pricing with **variable rate tolls**, which means:
 - A higher toll during congested hours (rush hour) and a lower toll at other times
 - There will be a set rate schedule, so you'll know before you go



Benefits of Congestion Pricing



Reduce congestion and traffic jams



Fund seismic upgrades for bridges to withstand a Cascadia level earthquake



Improve the flow of goods to and from market



Invest in transit and bike/pedestrian options



Raise sustainable revenue to preserve and improve the system



Provide more predictable trips

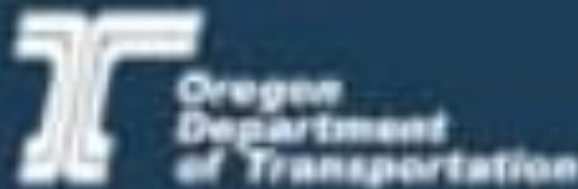


Increase safety through revenue raised for transportation improvements



Reduce carbon emissions to support reaching Oregon's climate goals

How will tolling work on I-5 and I-205?



Proposed Action: What is being proposed?



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Purpose of the Regional Mobility Pricing Project

Use congestion pricing on I-5 and I-205 to **reduce traffic congestion** on these facilities in the Portland, Oregon metropolitan area in a manner that will **generate revenue for transportation system investments**.



Proposed Action

Congestion pricing on all lanes of I-5 and I-205 in the Portland, Oregon metropolitan area.

Tolls are being studied on I-5 between the Columbia River and the Boone Bridge in Wilsonville and on I-205 from the Columbia River to where I-205 intersects with I-5 in Tualatin.



Proposed Action



Tolls based on location and time of day.

The toll rate schedule would vary based on time of day and location, known as variable rate tolls.



Tolls based on a set schedule.

A set schedule allows drivers to determine the cost of their trip ahead of time to plan their travel.

Proposed Action



Drivers would pay a toll through an all-electronic collection system.

Drivers would not stop to pay a toll.



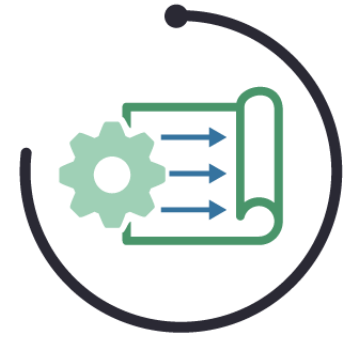
Toll rates would be monitored and adjusted after tolling begins.

Rates adopted by the Oregon Transportation Commission would be monitored and adjusted based on traffic data.

Current Status and How to Comment

Overview of the environmental analysis

Environmental Analysis



We're beginning an environmental analysis to identify **potential benefits and impacts** of the proposed action. The start of the analysis is called "scoping."

What is scoping?

- Invite input on the range or "scope" of community and environmental issues to study.
- Once complete, the results will be published in a report called an Environmental Assessment (EA).

Environmental Topics to be Addressed



Wide range of topics including:

- Transportation
- Multimodal Transportation
- Air Quality
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- State, Regional, and Local Economy
- Social Resources and Communities
- Environmental Justice
- Cumulative Impacts
- *And more...*

Environmental Topics of Public Interest



- Walking or rolling
- Freight
- Transit

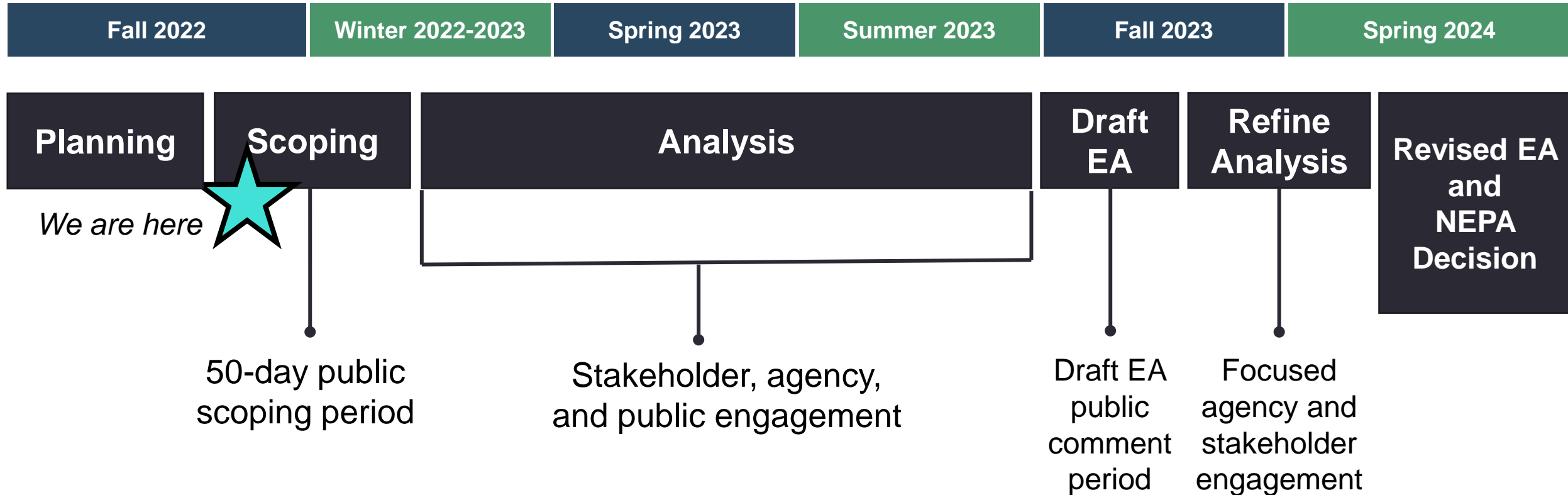


- Safety on I-5 and I-205
- Diversion and rerouting
- Climate and air quality
- Benefits and impacts to historically excluded and underserved communities



- Regional economy and competitiveness
- Toll costs and effects on household budgets and expenses

Environmental Analysis Timeline



What type of input is needed?

A 50-day public scoping period is now open.

We want your input on:

1. The **Draft Purpose and Need Statement**.
2. The **Proposed Action**, which describes the congestion pricing concept to be studied.
3. The scope of the **community and environmental resources** to be evaluated in the environmental analysis, such as air quality, neighborhood traffic, and the regional economy.

What type of input is needed?

Thinking about how this project might affect you, your community, and the environment, **are there other issues that you think we should study?**

Do you have any **suggested changes to the congestion pricing project** we are proposing?

Do you have **comments on why the project is needed** and what we hope to achieve?

How to Comment



Comment period closes on January 6, 2023



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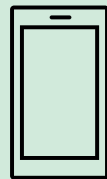
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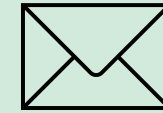
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Comment Form

Regional Mobility Pricing Project Scoping Comment Form

ODOT invites you to submit comments to help shape the Regional Mobility Pricing Project environmental analysis. Thank you for providing your comments!

Please note: If you would like to submit longer comments or include attachments, please send via email to oregontolling@odot.oregon.gov with a subject line of "Scoping comment."

* 1. Contact Information

First Name *

Last Name *

Email *

Phone Number
(optional)

Affiliation (leave blank
if none)

2. The congestion pricing concept to be studied, or "Proposed Action", was developed in response to public input and to meet the Draft Purpose and Need. It is intended to meet the project purpose: Reduce traffic congestion on I-5 and I-205 in a manner that will generate revenue for transportation system investments.

Do you have any suggested changes to the congestion pricing concept we are proposing?
(1000-character limit)

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Comment Form Best Practices

- Be specific** about a project element, phrase, word, or text.
- Include a brief explanation** about an issue that should be evaluated in the upcoming analysis.

Your Questions: Q&A with the Project Team

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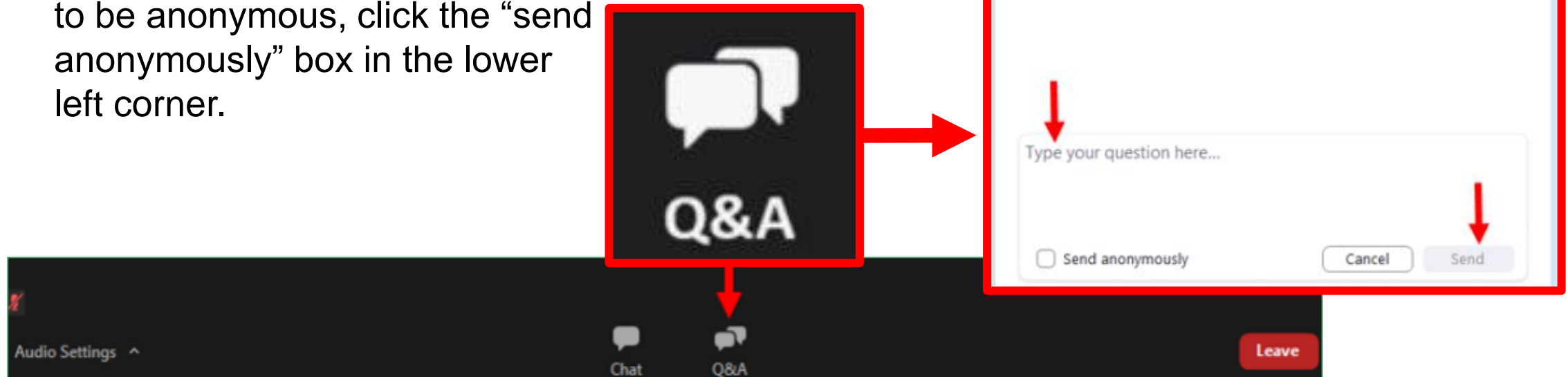
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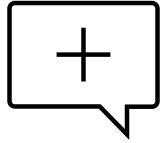
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Closing and How to Stay Engaged

Where to get information and materials



Scoping materials and online comment form:

<https://www.oregon.gov/odot/tolling/Pages/RMPP-Scoping-Comment-Period.aspx>



Oregon Tolling Website:

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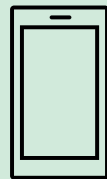
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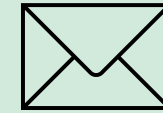
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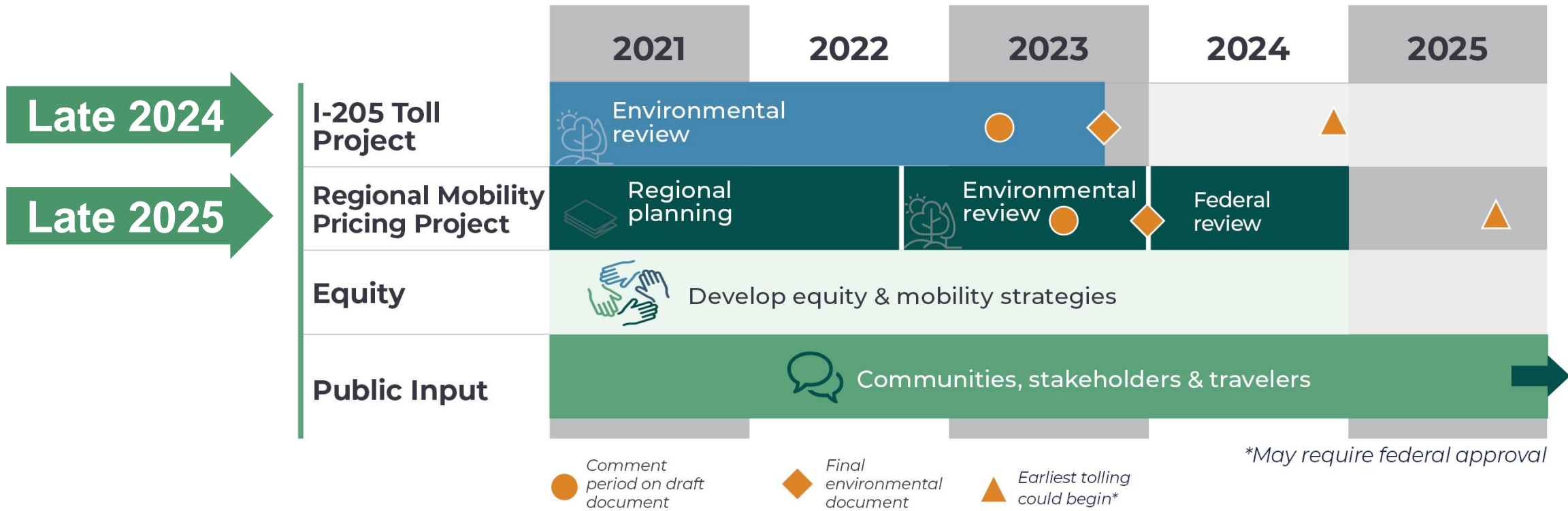
- Let us know what you thought about the webinar by completing a short survey.
- Stay tuned for public input opportunities during the formal environmental review process through 2023.
- Visit www.oregontolling.org and sign up for newsletter updates.

Advisory Committees

- Provide written or verbal comment.

Back pocket slides

When would tolling start?



Toll Program Inputs

