

Statewide Tolling and Rate Setting Framework

Oregon Transportation Commission

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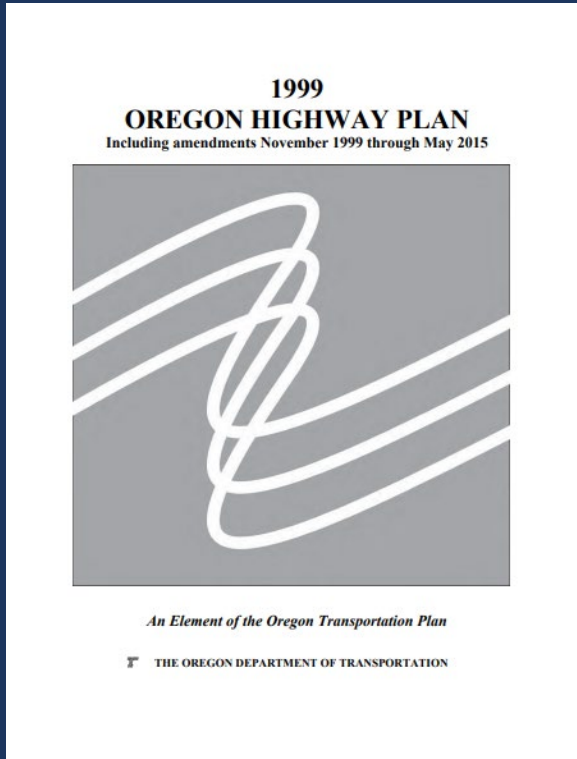
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Strategic Direction Elements

- Policy Update
 - Provides clarity on terms and direction
 - Helps align policies and goals
 - Directs agency action on tolling and pricing
- Rulemaking
 - Operationalizes legislative mandate
 - Required for setting rates

Oregon Highway Plan Amendment



- OHP first adopted in 1999
 - Includes policies for the delivery and management of our roadways
 - In support of the modes that travel on/along them: passenger vehicles, freight trucks, bikes, pedestrians, buses, etc.
- Amended in 2012 to add tolling
 - Done to support exploration of the topic
 - Policies are mostly conceptual in nature
- A decade later, relative to tolling...
 - We know more
 - Moving from exploration towards implementation
 - Need more of a policy foundation
- Tolling Amendments are needed to help set a foundation, and describe the:
 - Why
 - What
 - When

OHP Tolling Policy Amendments - general topics

Objectives

- Funding
- Congestion management
- Etc.

Context

- Recognize tools in the toolbox
- Connect to other goals
- Consider system function
- Define terms

Framework

- Applicability
- Equity
- Rates
- Use of revenue
 - corridor
 - mitigation
- Etc.

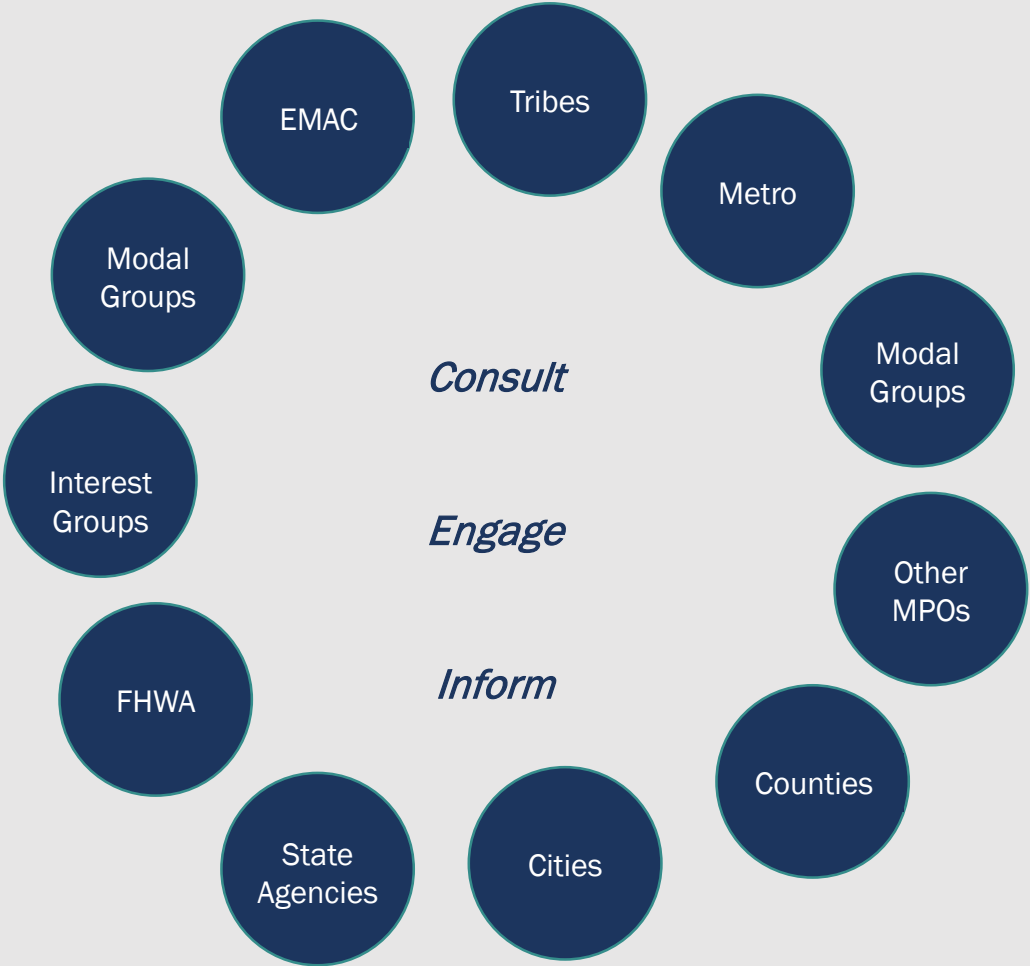
Management

- Infrastructure and investments
- Operations
- Program assessment

Outreach and Engagement

Major Amendment

- Set statewide policy
- Informs local projects



Schedule and Timing

May 2022



Draft Policy

Informed by stakeholders



Public Comment

Open for a minimum of 45 days



Final Draft Policy

Address comments and make revisions

Fall 2022



Adoption

Request OTC adopt amendments

Overview of Tolling Rules in Oregon

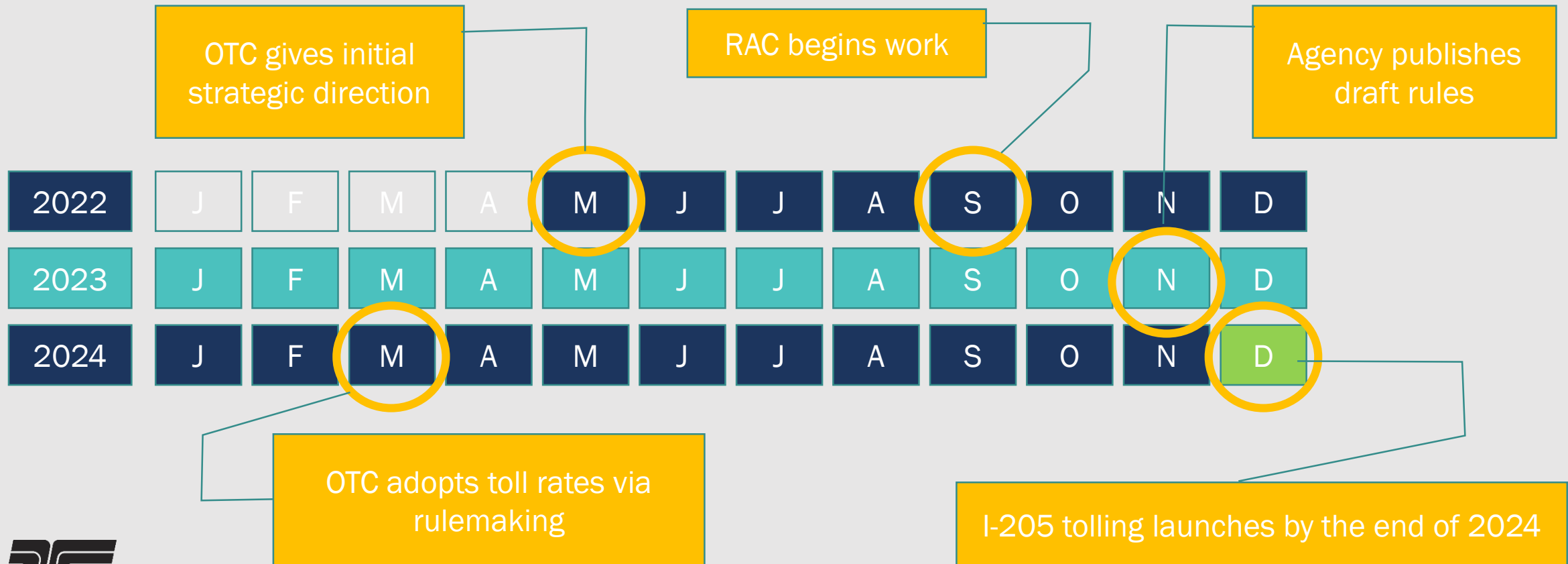
- OAR731.040 guides the approval of toll projects and rates by the Commission, including key decisions and criteria.
- HB3055 (2021) modified ORS383, triggering the need for revisions of the rule.
- The adoption of toll rates is an act of rulemaking.



Strategic Direction for Rulemaking

- ODOT seeks to confirm the Commission's *strategic direction* to inform the agency's approach to toll-related rulemaking.

The Timeline to Toll Rates





Strategic Direction for Rulemaking

ENTRY POINT	CLASS		
	1	2	3
NICHOLS	89.00	178.00	267.00
C-5	89.00	178.00	267.00
BICUTAN	59.00	118.00	177.00
BUCAT	41.00	82.00	123.00
	24.00	48.00	72.00
			69.00

Strategic Direction for Rate Setting

Rulemaking Principles

- Rulemaking is a statewide effort
- RAC should be small and have broad representation
- RAC must continue the tolling program's commitment to equity



Rate Setting Principles



Congestion



Revenue



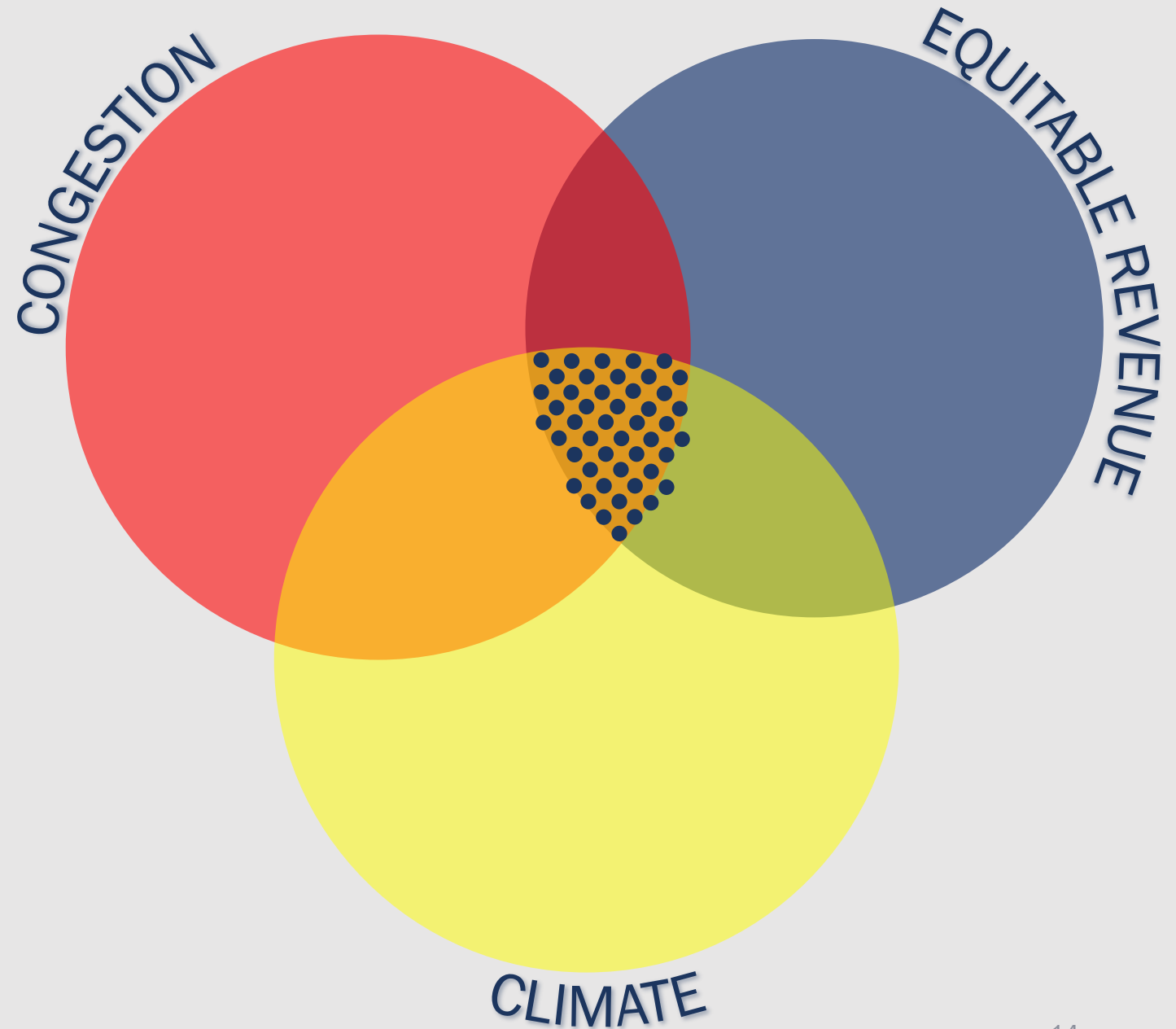
Low-Income Rates



Climate

Legislation mandates a balanced approach to multiple objectives

Rate Setting Principles





Discussion

Does the Commission agree with:

- Rulemaking principles?
 - Statewide
 - Broad representation
 - Commitment to equity
- Rate setting principles?
 - Congestion
 - Revenue
 - Equity
 - Climate