



MEMORANDUM

TO: Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council Board of Directors
FROM: Matt Ransom, Executive Director 
DATE: March 27, 2017
SUBJECT: **Portland Metro Area Value Pricing Feasibility Analysis – Project Update**

AT A GLANCE

Oregon Department of Transportation project staff will present recent Portland Metro Area Value Pricing Feasibility Analysis study progress.

BACKGROUND

In July 2017, the Oregon State Legislature passed a \$5.3 billion transportation package that included tax increases to fund major interstate expansion projects and authorized a Traffic Congestion Relief Program. The legislation directs the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) to seek Federal approval to implement Value Pricing (tolling) on Interstate 5 and Interstate 205, from the Washington state line south to where these roadways intersect. Specific study of Value Pricing concepts is now underway as part of the Portland Metro Area Value Pricing Feasibility Analysis (Feasibility Analysis).

The OTC established a Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) to advise them regarding the type, location, and potential mitigation strategies for value pricing. The PAC is a regional committee and includes three representatives from government entities in Washington State. Those representatives include: Mayor (*elect*) Anne McEnerny-Ogle, City of Vancouver; Councilor Eileen Quiring, Clark County; and Kris Strickler, Regional Administrator for Washington State Department of Transportation.

RECENT PROJECT ACTIVITIES

To date, Feasibility Analysis project efforts have been multi-dimensional and fast paced. The PAC has met on three occasions, and the ODOT study team have issued several technical memorandum and reports. Further, the ODOT study team conducted several outreach and engagement sessions, including a public open-house meeting at the Vancouver Public Library and online open house, allowing for public participation and comment.

A complete archive of PAC meeting materials and other related project documentation can be found at the project websites:

General project website: <http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/Pages/VP-Feasibility-Analysis.aspx>

PAC website: <http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/Get-Involved/Pages/Value-Pricing-Committee.aspx>

Public Comment website: <http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/Pages/VP-join-conversation.aspx>

NEXT STEPS

RTC has programmed discussion of the Feasibility Analysis for both the May and June meetings. At the May meeting, RTC staff will review the current project status and begin development of formal RTC input, and at the June meeting the RTC Board will have an opportunity to finalize comments in preparation for submittal to the PAC and Oregon Transportation Commission.

Attachment: Value Pricing Timeline (*as submitted to the PAC on February 28, 2018*)

Value pricing timeline

