

## Council work session agenda

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**Tuesday, June 21, 2022**

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### **10:30 Call to Order and Roll Call**

#### **Work Session Topics:**

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| 10:35 | Disaster Debris Management Reserve and Grants Proposal                              | <a href="#">22-5718</a> |
|       | Presenter(s): Jim Quinn (he/him), Metro<br>Courtney Patterson (she/her), Metro      |                         |
|       | Attachments: <a href="#">Staff Report</a>   |                         |
| 10:55 | Community Representation on the Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC) | <a href="#">22-5733</a> |
|       | Presenter(s): Margi Bradway (she/her), Metro<br>Tom Kloster (he/him), Metro         |                         |
|       | Attachments: <a href="#">Staff Report</a>   |                         |

11:25 Congestion Pricing Policy Discussions for the 2023 RTP Update

[22-5734](#)

Presenter(s): Alex Oreschak (he/him), Metro  
Garet Prior (he/him), ODOT

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)  
[Attachment 1](#)  
[Attachment 2](#)  
[Attachment 3](#)  
[Attachment 4](#)

**12:25 Chief Operating Officer Communication**

**12:30 Councilor Communication**

**12:35 Adjourn**

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**Disaster Debris Management Reserve and Grants**  
**Proposal**  
*Work Session Topics*

Metro Council Work Session  
Tuesday, June<sup>21st</sup>, 2022



DISASTER DEBRIS MANAGEMENT RESERVE AND GRANTS PROPOSAL

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Date: May 9, 2022

Department: Waste Prevention and Environmental Services

Meeting Date: May 24, 2022

Prepared by: Jim Quinn, 503-972-2760,  
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Presenters: Jim Quinn (he/him), Principal Planner and Courtney Patterson (she/her), Asset and Environmental Stewardship Program Director

Length: 20 minutes

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**ISSUE STATEMENT**

Metro staff seek Council endorsement on a proposal to establish a new disaster debris management reserve and grant program through a new Metro Code Chapter 5.11. This would provide a reserve fund for Metro’s post-disaster debris costs and assist local governments with their post-disaster debris management costs.

**ACTION REQUESTED**

Staff requests Council guidance on moving forward with establishing the reserve fund.

**IDENTIFIED POLICY OUTCOMES**

Metro would have an established disaster debris management reserve to support debris clean-up efforts that advances progress towards Goal 19 in the Regional Waste Plan that states:

*Plan disaster debris response operations to expedite the clearance and removal of debris, making the best use of locally-based services and materials and maximizing recovery.*

**POLICY QUESTION**

- Does Council support establishing a reserve fund to provide grants to local governments in the region to assist with their post-disaster debris management costs?
- Does Council have any input on the proposed program goals?

**POLICY OPTIONS FOR COUNCIL TO CONSIDER**

1. Direct staff to move forward with code changes to establish the reserve fund and develop the program guidelines and criteria.
2. Direct staff to identify and pursue other alternatives to support disaster debris management.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

Staff recommend Metro Council direct staff to establish the disaster reserve fund.

## **STRATEGIC CONTEXT & FRAMING COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

The Metro Charter, the Oregon Constitution and Oregon Statutes grant Metro broad authority for planning, managing and overseeing the regional solid waste system to protect public health and safeguard the environment. More specifically, the Metro Charter assigns to Metro the function of "metropolitan aspects of natural disaster planning and response coordination." Part of these responsibilities include disaster debris management and disposal. This work is guided by the Disaster Debris Management Plan that describes Metro's role in managing and coordinating debris operations and the 2030 Regional Waste Plan that establishes Disaster Resilience goals and actions.

Extreme weather-related disasters are on the increase in our region, including those that generate significant debris. The possibility of wildfires, windstorms, ice storms, floods and other debris-generating disasters necessitates a commitment to planning and preparation for debris management. In February 2021, a severe winter weather incident generated a significant amount of debris in the region. Based on the after action report and conversations with local government representatives in the region, Metro staff developed a disaster debris reserve proposal.

The proposal envisions that the reserve be funded with fees collected on "cleanup material" in the region. Per Metro Code 5.02.060, a reduced regional system fee applies to cleanup material that is transported to any disposal site authorized by Metro to accept that material.

Cleanup material is defined in the Code as: solid waste resulting from the excavation or cleanup of releases of hazardous substances into the environment, including street sweeping waste, nonhazardous contaminated soils that do not qualify as clean fill and contaminated debris resulting from the cleanup of chemical spills or releases. These materials go straight from the generator to the landfill, and do not pass through any intermediate facilities, so there is minimal handling cost, and a reduced system fee was deemed appropriate.

The fees currently collected on clean up material are \$2.50 per ton reduced regional system fee, plus \$1 per ton excise tax. The reduced fee has been collected since 2003. Between 2003 and 2020 cleanup material volume has averaged about 250,000 tons annually. If this volume of cleanup material continues to be generated, approximately \$625,000 will be added to the disaster debris reserve each year. Staff recommend a funding cap on the disaster debris reserve, after which, clean up fees will no longer be designated for the reserve. No increase to the cleanup waste fee is being proposed to establish the reserve.

Disaster debris is not cleanup material, they are distinct waste streams. Cleanup materials are the revenue source and staff recommends that a new section of the Metro Code be developed to earmark these funds for future Metro and local government post-disaster debris costs.

On average, Metro currently collects \$625,000 annually from the cleanup material reduced regional system fee. This comprises 0.7% of total solid waste revenue. These fees are currently allocated to regional solid waste programs and activities, but may be designated for a specific purpose. The proposed reserve designates the cleanup fee revenue to a disaster debris reserve.

Annual revenue allocations will not need to be made each budget cycle to build the reserve balance.

## **BACKGROUND**

FEMA operates a public assistance grant program that identifies impactful disasters and reimburses local governments for 75% of eligible post-disaster expenses. The remaining 25% must be paid by the local and/or state government, called a local match. In Greater Portland, an eligible disaster is one that causes approximately \$1 million in public infrastructure damage. FEMA reimburses local governments for 75% of eligible debris removal costs. However, the FEMA program requires significant documentation and has a lengthy reimbursement process that could burden smaller local governments. Strategies that advance racial equity and speed recovery such as temporary debris sites where the public can bring their own debris and vouchers for free disposal at authorized disposal facilities are ineligible for FEMA reimbursement.

The proposed disaster debris reserve grant program would help fill these gaps. The proposed program goals include:

1. Reserve funds for Metro’s own post-disaster debris management costs
2. Assist with local government’s post-disaster debris management costs
3. Speed recovery after disasters
4. Maintain public confidence in local and regional governance after a disaster
5. Support more equitable disaster debris strategies and services

In most cases there will be enough funds available to cover local jurisdictions’ 25% local match, as well as incurred costs for strategies that are not FEMA eligible. If there are not enough funds, additional criteria will be applied to prioritize use of funds consistent with the goals.

In 2021, Metro established a solid waste disaster preparedness group including representatives from both the solid waste and emergency management disciplines to implement the resilience and preparedness goals in the Regional Waste Plan. The workgroup’s input was incorporated into the proposed reserve and grant program.

Additionally, staff engaged with the Regional Waste Advisory Committee, and the Oregon Refuse Recycling Association on the proposed reserve concept and program goals. All stakeholders were supportive of establishing the reserve and grant program. Substantive suggestions from local governments’ recent disaster experiences will be incorporated into the program guidelines.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

None

- Is legislation required for Council action?  Yes  No
- If yes, is draft legislation attached?  Yes  No
- What other materials are you presenting today? [INSERT]

**Community Representation on the  
Transportation Policy**  
*Work Session Topics*

Metro Council Work Session  
Tuesday, June 21st, 2022

# Memo



**Metro**

600 NE Grand Ave.  
Portland, OR 97232-2736

Date: May 16, 2022  
To: Council President Peterson, Metro Councilors  
From: Margi Bradway, Deputy Director, Planning, Development and Research Department  
Subject: Community Representation on the Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC)

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## **SUMMARY**

The Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC) is a 21-member body that provides policy and technical recommendations to the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT). TPAC includes six community representatives appointed annually by the Metro Council, each serving overlapping 2-year terms.

Recruiting community members to volunteer for this role has proven to be a challenge over the years, given the often highly technical nature of the topics that come before TPAC, and time commitment required to review meeting packets. The blended nature of the committee is a significant challenge for the six community representatives, as the committee predominantly consists of senior-level professionals representing local and state jurisdictions in the region.

These ongoing challenges for our community representatives have been further compounded by the move to virtual meetings in April 2020, with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Given the series of pandemic surges we have since experienced, TPAC meetings are expected to continue in this format for the foreseeable future.

The effect of virtual meetings on community member participation at TPAC has been profound, gradually suppressing both attendance and participation at the meetings. Several meetings in late 2021 saw no community representatives in attendance, despite our stipend program, expanded staff support for these members, and the relative ease of joining the virtual format.

New approaches to bringing community voices to TPAC are clearly needed, given the longstanding struggle to make the existing format work for community representatives. Staff has therefore paused our annual recruitment for community members to seek direction from the Council on a new strategy for community representation.

## ***Recommendation***

Staff has developed a phased approach for improving TPAC community member participation, based on feedback from past community representatives and in consultation with Metro's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Communications staff. This phased approach is described in the background section of this memorandum. We propose moving forward with the first phase of this new approach in recruiting the next cycle of TPAC community members, as follows:

1. *The number of community representatives would remain at six, but individuals for these seats would be recruited with an expectation (but not a requirement) that they represent a community-based organization (CBO) that aims to improve equitable outcomes, transportation, land use or livability*

*within the greater Portland region. These positions would be appointed by the Metro Council President.*

- 2. Metro would fill three leadership development positions as alternates for the six community representatives whose primary role would be helping CBOs develop capacity in transportation advocacy at Metro and around the region. These positions would also be appointed by the Metro Council President.*
- 3. Staff would revisit the existing stipend program for TPAC community members to further compensate for time spent at meetings and time engaging stakeholders outside of meetings as part of providing input.*

While we believe this approach could help improve community representative engagement at TPAC, we also recommend a two-year trial period and evaluation to ensure we are making progress. At that time, staff recommends the other phases described in the background portion be considered as additional or alternative steps if more work is needed to improve community engagement at TPAC.

## **BACKGROUND**

TPAC was created more than forty years ago as a staff-level technical and policy advisory body to the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation. TPAC has one formal meeting and at least one workshop each month to review and make recommendations on a wide range of transportation projects and proposals moving forward in the Metro region. The membership of TPAC is defined in the committee bylaws, and any changes to the bylaws must be approved by both JPACT and the Metro Council.

Metro is represented on TPAC as the non-voting chairperson, one of the 15 seats out of a total of 21 on the committee held by public agency staff. Representatives for the public agency seats are appointed directly by jurisdiction, or by consensus among jurisdictions for seats that represent multiple public agencies. Metro does not have a role in selecting the public agencies representatives on TPAC, nor are there term limits for individual members being reappointed to these seats.

The remaining six seats on TPAC are held by at-large community representatives who are appointed by the Council. The community members are appointed to 2-year terms in an open recruitment process that generally follows Metro's personnel recruitment protocols, including special outreach to under-represented communities and a diverse interview panel.

Council's approach to making these appointments has varied over time, ranging from seeking topical experts in transportation (e.g., bicycle, transit and freight advocates) for many years, and then a shift to bringing more diversity to the committee in recent years. This shift was in recognition of the fact that TPAC had been a predominantly populated by white committee members since the committee was established. While Metro has been successful in recruiting people of color to serve as community representatives (all six of our most recent appointments represented communities of color), active participation has been more difficult to achieve.

Over the years, Metro has worked to empower the TPAC community members to have equal standing with the public agency representatives, some of whom have served on the committee for a decade or more. For many community representatives, this has been a frustrating and overwhelming challenge for various reasons, including:



- At-large community members are usually serving on their own as volunteers and lack both the time and resources that jurisdictional agency members enjoy in their role as members of TPAC.
- Community members who aren't immersed in transportation planning acronyms and processes encounter a steep learning curve that frustrates their ability to have an impact on TPAC deliberations. Many begin to step back after just a few meetings because of the barriers this creates for active participation.
- Meeting packets are large and very complex due to the technical nature of the work, most often because of state and federal reporting and data requirements that mandate deeply technical materials. Making meeting materials navigable and understandable has therefore been an ongoing balancing act for Metro staff as the convener of TPAC.
- Agency staff often bring many years of formal education and experience in transportation planning, and often dominate the deliberations at TPAC because of their detailed subject knowledge, even if unintentionally.
- Agency staff continue to be overwhelmingly white, creating an undue burden for community members to not only bring racial diversity to TPAC, but also to cope with systemic racism and unconscious bias in real time during committee deliberations.

To address these power and equity imbalances, Metro introduced several reforms over the past three years, consistent with actions in the *2018 Planning, Development and Research Department Strategy for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion*:

- Staff initiated a series of racial equity training retreats and trainings in May 2019 for TPAC members as part of our commitment to make TPAC a “safe space” for all members. This was a first for Metro in extending racial equity training to non-Metro staff.
- Staff initiated a \$100/meeting stipend for community representatives beginning in January 2020 in acknowledgement of the inherent burdens and level of effort required to serve on TPAC. Initially, this may have helped with attendance, though it did not noticeably improve active participation in committee deliberations.
- Staff initiated a real-time system to empower any TPAC member to give immediate feedback to the chair on ensuring a safe space – and the ability to stop the meeting to address these concerns. This has been used actively by both committee members and agency staff.
- Staff has provided direct administrative and technical support to individual community members to assist them in preparing for meetings. This resource has not been used extensively by community members, however.
- TPAC informally adopted the *Democratic Rules of Order* as a more equitable, empowering decision-making format to *Roberts Rules of Order* (this must eventually be amended into the TPAC bylaws to become a formally recognized practice).
- Staff has sought periodic feedback from both community and public agency members on our effectiveness at supporting community representatives at TPAC. Agency representatives

continue to identify this as a top concern for the committee as well, and have been forthright in their desire to find solutions that will improve community participation.

While the above efforts have generally been well-received by TPAC community members, they did not markedly improve community member participation or attendance by the time the COVID-19 pandemic forced Metro facilities to close in March 2020.

### ***Post-COVID-19***

As with the rest of the world, the COVID-19 era brought dramatic change to how TPAC meets, deliberates and makes recommendations. Since March 2020, the committee has met exclusively in virtual Zoom meetings. While this change has improved overall attendance at TPAC by as much as 20%, the virtual format has made it much more difficult for community members to engage.

In early 2021, Metro staff reached out to TPAC community representatives to better understand the new obstacles that virtual meetings could be creating for them. Members expressed concerns about technology and technical issues, but also noted additional difficulties and discomfort with joining the conversation in the virtual format. We also learned that old obstacles continued to be a significant burden as well, most notably the size and complexity of TPAC meeting packets.

The virtual meeting format also makes it very difficult for the TPAC chair to proactively engage and support community member participation in the same manner that was possible with in-person meetings. Simple eye contact and head-nods were important non-verbal means for communicating with and encouraging community representatives during committee deliberations that are so often dominated by public agency staff.

The virtual format also eliminates the before and after-meeting informal conversations that both community members and public agency staff greatly valued as part of their service on TPAC. These informal contacts were especially important in making community representatives feel welcome and valued as members of the committee, and public agency staff often went out of their way to greet and get to know them. The lack of before and after-meeting informal contact continues to be one of the chief concerns from TPAC members as we look ahead to a future that may primarily be virtual.

The COVID-19 pandemic also impacted our ability to conduct a TPAC community member recruitment for the 2021-22 terms, mostly because of the uncertainty and staffing constraints that existed at the time the recruitment was scheduled to begin in the fall of 2020. Instead, staff recommended and Council appointed three community member alternates who were able to commit to regular attendance to fill these positions through 2021. Unfortunately however, attendance of these representatives soon dropped off to almost zero by the end of the year.

### ***New Approaches for Improving Community Engagement at TPAC***

As we consider another recruitment cycle for TPAC community representation, staff is recommending a rethink of our overall strategy for bringing community voices to the TPAC table. While the COVID-19 impact has created some of the barriers for TPAC community members, the pandemic has also put a spotlight on some longstanding obstacles that staff believes should be addressed with structural changes to the committee operations.

The following are three phases that staff has developed as possible paths forward in the interest of bringing meaningful representation and community perspectives to the work that TPAC does. The first phase is the recommended action at this time, while the other phases are optional, to be considered if the first phase approach does not significantly improve community representative engagement.

### ***Phase 1 – Work with Current Blended Structure (Recommended for 2022)***

**Format:** Six TPAC community seats to be filled by representatives of CBOs, with an emphasis on racial equity, climate, transportation safety and small business as needed voices in the committee. This approach would continue our stipend program and expanded administrative and technical support from Metro staff.

**Pros:** This approach would have the least impact on the committee structure and dynamic and would not require a change to bylaws or any action by TPAC or JPACT to carry out. This approach builds on the assumption that a representative from a CBO would come into the role with a greater degree of knowledge and experience in transportation policy through their CBO work, and that a CBO could provide more support and capacity for a representative to be successful in the role than a member of the general public is likely to have. Implementing this approach could also reinforce leadership development among our CBOs by providing opportunities to directly engage within the regional policymaking realm.

**Cons:** Metro already draws upon the expertise and representation of many CBOs for various committees, and the agency may be at risk of hearing from the “same voices” rather than a variety of members of public.

**Staff Recommendation:** *Council approval of this approach as a two-year trial as a first step in addressing community representation at TPAC, followed by an evaluation and consideration of other possible steps, as needed.*

### ***Phase 2 – Expand Representation in Blended Structure (future option)***

**Format:** This approach would dedicate all six TPAC community seats to CBOs, with an emphasis on racial equity, climate, transportation safety and small business as needed voices in the committee, while also adding three at-large community seats, for a total of nine community representatives and 24 members of TPAC in total. This approach would continue our stipend program and expanded administrative and technical support from Metro staff.

**Pros:** This approach significantly increases the overall presence of community members as a proportion of the TPAC membership, while also bringing the knowledge and experience of CBOs to the table.

**Cons:** This approach would require JPACT and Council to change the TPAC bylaws to add three community seats. This could require significant effort, based on past efforts to increase the number of seats at TPAC.

**Staff Recommendation:** *Consider this approach if further steps are needed to improve community representation and engagement at TPAC.*

### ***Phase 3 – Create Parallel Structure (future option)***

**Format:** This approach is premised on the acceptance that a blended committee of agency staff and community voices and advocates is inherently biased toward the agency staff. In this proposal, the six community seats at TPAC would be eliminated and replaced by a to-be-defined community engagement body or process to ensure direct community engagement on transportation policy alternatives that TPAC is considering in making their recommendations to JPACT. Examples of this scope of review authority would be updates to the Regional Transportation Plan, setting the policy

framework for Regional Flexible Fund allocations, and other special projects of major policy significance.

**Pros:** This approach would allow community conversations to be elevated to a policy level that focuses on tangible outcomes and values, less on highly technical or procedural work that is not influencing policy. Depending on the format, it could also reduce the burden for CBOs to actively participate in Metro's transportation planning efforts. It could also allow for more community voices, overall, to be part of regional decision-making.

**Cons:** This proposal represents a significant break from a long-standing committee format for TPAC, bringing both uncertainty and concern from agency partners accustomed to the existing format. Depending on the format for engagement, it could also require more resources from Metro than phases 1 or 2.

**Staff Recommendation:** *Consider this approach if recommended changes to the existing format prove unsuccessful.*

**Congestion Pricing Policy Discussions for the 2023 RTP**  
*Work Session Topics*

Metro Council Work Session  
Tuesday, June 21st, 2022

## CONGESTION PRICING POLICY DISCUSSIONS FOR THE 2023 RTP UPDATE

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Date: June 6, 2022  
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### ISSUE STATEMENT

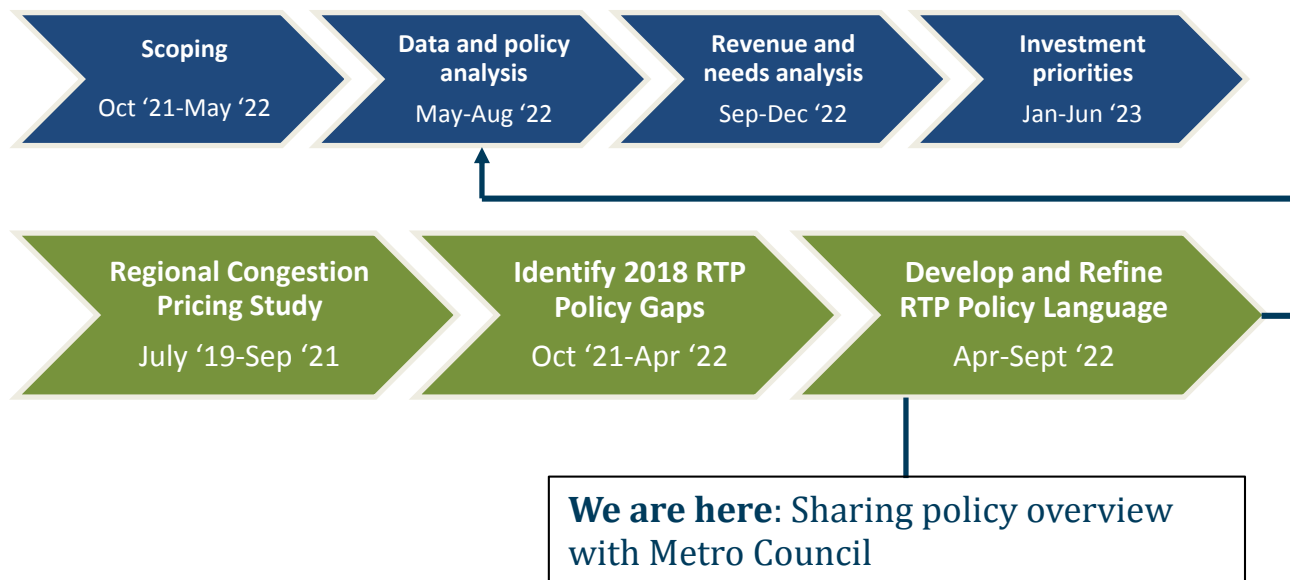
In September 2021, Metro Council passed a resolution accepting the findings and recommendations in the Regional Congestion Pricing Study (RCPS) report, and directing staff to build upon existing policy in the 2018 RTP by incorporating the findings and recommendations from the study in the 2023 RTP update.

On April 20, 2022, Metro staff presented to TPAC and MTAC on congestion pricing policies in the 2018 RTP, intersections with the findings and recommendations from the RCPS, and other supportive language from both the RCPS and the Expert Review Panel that convened in April 2021. This is documented in **Attachment 1: Metro Regional Transportation Plan – Congestion Pricing Policy Overview April 2022**.

Following that meeting, Metro staff have been working with a consultant team (Nelson\Nygaard) to review TPAC and MTAC feedback and develop draft congestion pricing policy language for the 2023 RTP. This feedback is documented in **Attachment 2: Feedback from April 2022 TPAC and MTAC Workshop** and will help guide refinement of the draft language for further review by TPAC and other Metro committees and for eventual inclusion in the 2023 RTP. The timing for this work is part of the data and policy analysis for the 2023 RTP update, as shown below.

Relatedly, the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) is developing an amendment to the toll policies in the Oregon Highway Plan (OHP), which will be presented to the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) later this year. Metro and ODOT staff are coordinating on the 2023 RTP update and OHP toll policy amendment, and ODOT will be seeking feedback from Metro Council at a future meeting on the draft OHP toll policy amendment.





**ACTION REQUESTED**

Provide input and comment on the 2018 RTP congestion pricing policy overview, the proposed congestion pricing policy recommendations in the 2023 RTP update, and the OHP toll policy amendment process.

**IDENTIFIED POLICY OUTCOMES**

Build upon existing policy in the RTP by incorporating the findings and recommendations from the study in the 2023 RTP and to use them to inform the 2023 RTP update.

**POLICY QUESTION(S)**

- Does Metro Council have questions regarding the process for incorporating congestion pricing policy into the 2023 RTP Update?
- Does Metro Council have feedback on the 2018 RTP congestion pricing policies or how they are related to the RCPS findings and recommendations or Expert Review Panel?
- Does Metro Council have feedback on the proposed draft recommendations for congestion pricing policy in the 2023 RTP update?
- What questions or comments does Metro Council have for ODOT regarding the OHP Toll Policy Amendment?

**POLICY OPTIONS FOR COUNCIL TO CONSIDER**

Based on the analysis presented in Attachment 1, and the feedback from TPAC and MTAC identified in Attachment 2, staff has identified the following draft recommendations for congestion pricing policy in the 2023 RTP update. These recommendations were shared with TPAC on June 3, 2022; a detailed summary of feedback will be provided at the July 28, 2022 JPACT & Metro Council workshop.

- Include new section in Chapter 3: System Policies to Achieve our Vision specific to congestion pricing policy. This section would include:
  - Definitions of congestion pricing and related terms
  - Descriptions of other pricing work underway in the region, federal pricing programs, and congestion pricing policies in HB 2017 and HB 3055
  - Discussion of potential revenue opportunities and limitations under Article IX, section 3a of the Oregon Constitution
- Develop new congestion pricing policies for inclusion in this new section
  - Mobility: Implement congestion pricing programs that improve regional mobility by managing congestion, reducing VMT, and increasing transportation options through investments in modal alternatives, including transit-supportive elements and increased access to transit.
  - Equity: Implement congestion pricing programs that integrate equity and affordability from the outset.
  - Safety and Diversion: Implement congestion pricing programs that reduce overall automobile trips, address traffic safety and minimize diversion.
  - Climate: Implement congestion pricing programs that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and vehicle miles travelled while increasing access to low-carbon travel options.
  - Emerging Technologies: Coordinate emerging technologies and pricing programs to create an integrated transportation experience for the users of the system.
- Update other RTP Goals and Objectives, policies, and sections as appropriate to include congestion pricing
- Review Chapter 8, Moving Forward Together for future updates
- Continue development of the Finance Chapter of the RTP, including incorporation of congestion pricing into the financial forecast

## **STRATEGIC CONTEXT & FRAMING COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

The 2018 RTP was developed over a two-year period with extensive public and agency input and was unanimously adopted by the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) and the Metro Council.

The 2018 RTP identified congestion pricing as a high priority, high impact strategy to address congestion in ways that also advanced achievement of the region's climate, equity, and safety goals and directed further study of this strategy prior to the next update to the RTP.

JPACT and the Metro Council also adopted policies in the 2018 RTP to expand the use of pricing strategies to manage vehicle congestion and encourage shared trips and the use of transit and, in combination with increased transit service, consider use of pricing strategies to manage congestion and raise revenue when one or more lanes are being added to throughways designated in the RTP.

Specifically, the 2018 RTP includes goals, objectives, policies and direction for future work related to congestion pricing as follows:

- [Chapter 2: Our Shared Vision and Goals for Transportation](#) – Goal 4: Reliability and Efficiency
- [Chapter 3: Transportation System Policies to Achieve our Vision](#) – Section 3.5 Regional Motor Vehicle Network Vision and Policies and Section 3.11 Transportation System Management and Operations Vision and Policies
- [Chapter 8: Moving Forward Together to Achieve Our Vision](#) – Section 8.2.3.2 Regional Congestion Pricing Technical Analysis
- [Appendix L: Federal Performance-Based Planning and Congestion Management Process Documentation](#) – Table 5 and Congestion Management Process Toolbox of Strategies

The 2018 RTP additionally included policies related to transportation demand management and system management and operations, including value pricing. Congestion pricing was also identified in the Regional Transportation System Management and Operations (TSMO) Strategy (2010) and the Regional Framework Plan (2011).

## **RCPS Final Report**

The final report (**Attachment 3: Regional Congestion Pricing Study Final Report July 2021**) reflects two years of modeling, analysis, and input from technical staff, subject-matter experts and policy makers. TPAC provided important technical input on a regular basis to shape the findings, and JPACT and the Metro Council provided policy direction and other considerations to shape the study.

Below are the final report’s general recommended considerations for both policymakers and future project owners and operators, as well as specific recommendations that would apply to each group.

- Congestion pricing can be used to improve mobility and reduce emissions. This study demonstrated how these tools could work with the region’s land use and transportation system.
- Define clear goals and outcomes from the beginning of a pricing program. The program priorities such as mobility, revenues, or equity should inform the program design and implementation strategies. Optimizing for one priority over another can lead to different outcomes.
- Recognize that benefits and impacts of pricing programs will vary across geographies. These variations should inform decisions about where a program should target investments and affordability strategies and in depth outreach.

- Carefully consider how the benefits and costs of congestion pricing impact different geographic and demographic groups. In particular, projects and programs need to conduct detailed analysis to show how to:
  - maximize benefits (mobility, shift to transit, less emissions, better access to jobs and community places, affordability, and safety) and
  - address negative impacts (diversion and related congestion on nearby routes, slowing of buses, potential safety issues, costs to low-income travelers, and equity issues).
- Congestion pricing can benefit communities that have been harmed in the past, providing meaningful equity benefits to the region. However, if not done thoughtfully, congestion pricing could harm BIPOC and low-income communities, compounding past injustices.
- Conversations around congestion pricing costs, revenues, and reinvestment decisions should happen at the local, regional, and when appropriate the state scale, depending on the distribution of benefits and impacts for the specific policy, project, or program being implemented.

### ***Specifically For Policy Makers***

- Congestion pricing has a strong potential to help the greater Portland region meet the priorities outlined in its 2018 Regional Transportation Plan, specifically addressing congestion and mobility; climate; equity; and safety.
  - Technical analysis showed that all four types of pricing analyzed improved performance in these categories;
  - Best practices research and input from experts showed there are tools for maximizing performance and addressing unintended consequences.
- Given the importance of pricing as a tool for the region’s transportation system, policy makers should include pricing policy development and refinement as part of the next update of the Regional Transportation Plan in 2023, including consideration of other pricing programs being studied or implemented in the region.

### ***Specifically For Future Project Owners/Operators***

- The success of a specific project or program is largely based on how it is developed and implemented requiring detailed analysis, outreach, monitoring, and incorporation of best practices.
- Coordinate with other pricing programs, including analysis of cumulative impacts and consideration of shared payment technologies, to reduce user confusion and ensure success of a program.
- Conduct meaningful engagement and an extensive outreach campaign, including with those who would be most impacted by congestion pricing, to develop a project that works and will gain public and political acceptance.
- Build equity, safety, and affordability into the project definition so a holistic project that meets the need of the community is developed rather than adding “mitigations” later.
- Establish a process for ongoing monitoring of performance, in order to adjust and optimize a program once implemented.

## 2023 RTP Update Relationship to Oregon Highway Plan Amendment

Concurrently with the 2023 RTP update process, the Oregon Department of Transportation's (ODOT) Office of Urban Mobility is preparing an amendment to the Oregon Highway Plan (OHP) which would update the plan's toll policies, which are primarily located in Goal 6 of the OHP. Amendments to the OHP are reviewed and adopted by the Oregon Transportation Commission. No action is required from TPAC, JPACT, or Metro Council for the OHP amendment.

Metro staff and ODOT staff are coordinating on the two efforts, and have identified opportunities to comparatively evaluate policy development, including providing updates and opportunities for feedback on the OHP amendment to TPAC and other committees concurrently with updates on the 2023 RTP congestion pricing policy development. More information on the OHP amendment can be found at in **Attachment 4: OHP Toll Policy Amendment Overview** and at <https://www.oregon.gov/odot/Planning/Pages/Oregon-Highway-Plan-Update.aspx>.

### ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Metro Regional Transportation Plan – Congestion Pricing Policy Overview April 2022

Attachment 2: Feedback from April 2022 TPAC and MTAC Workshop

Attachment 3: Regional Congestion Pricing Study Final Report July 20

Attachment 4: OHP Toll Policy Amendment Overview

[For work session:]

- Is legislation required for Council action?  Yes  No
- If yes, is draft legislation attached?  Yes  No



Attachment 1

# Metro Regional Transportation Plan – Congestion Pricing Policy Overview

April 2022







# Attachment 1 - Metro Regional Transportation Plan – Congestion Pricing Policy Overview April 2022

This document provides an overview of existing policies from the 2018 RTP that are relevant to congestion pricing, along with related findings and recommendations from Metro’s Regional Congestion Pricing Study (RCPS), as well as supportive language from the RCPS and the Expert Review Panel that was convened in April 2021 to review the RCPS. The first column in the table below identifies which one or more of the four RTP priorities (Equity, Safety, Climate, Mobility) relate to each policy.

Outcome	Existing <i>Relevant</i> Policies in 2018 RTP	Findings and Recommendations from RCPS	Supportive language from RCPS and Expert Review Panel
<input type="checkbox"/> Equity <input type="checkbox"/> Safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Climate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mobility	<b>Goal 4: Reliability and Efficiency (2-16)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Objective 4.6 Pricing</b> – Expand the use of pricing strategies to manage vehicle congestion and encourage shared trips and use of transit.</li> </ul>	<b>RCPS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Define clear goals and outcomes from the beginning of a pricing program. The program priorities such as mobility, revenues, or equity should inform the program design and implementation strategies. Optimizing for one priority over another can lead to different outcomes. (pg. 84)</li> </ul>	<b>Expert Review Panel</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revenue reinvestment is single most important factor, but pricing is an expensive and difficult way to raise revenue. Pricing should be done for other goals, like congestion and reducing GHG emissions.</li> </ul> <b>RCPS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ...identify and commit to equity indicators to assess the benefits and burdens of pricing. Measurable indicators can and should be established for both outcome equity (such as affordability, access to opportunity, community health) and process equity (community engagement) indicators. (pg. 9-10)</li> </ul>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Equity <input type="checkbox"/> Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Climate <input type="checkbox"/> Mobility	<b>Regional Transportation Equity Policies (3-18)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Policy 1:</b> Integrate consideration of equity into the planning implementation of transportation projects, programs, policies and strategies to comprehensively consider the benefits and impacts of transportation and eliminate disparities and barriers experienced by marginalized communities, particularly communities of color.</li> <li>• <b>Policy 2.</b> Ensure investments in the transportation system anticipate and minimize the effects of displacement and other affordability impacts on historically marginalized communities, with a focus on communities of color and people with low income.</li> <li>• <b>Policy 4.</b> Use inclusive decision-making processes that provide meaningful opportunities for communities of color, people with low income and other historically marginalized communities to engage and participate in the development and implementation of transportation plans, projects and programs.</li> <li>• <b>Policy 6.</b> Evaluate transportation plans, policies, programs and investments to understand how they address transportation-related disparities and barriers experienced by communities of color, people with low-income and other historically marginalized</li> </ul>	<b>RCPS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Congestion pricing can benefit communities that have been harmed in the past, providing meaningful equity benefits to the region. However, if not done thoughtfully, congestion pricing could harm BIPOC and low-income communities, compounding past injustices. (pg. 85)</li> <li>• Conduct meaningful engagement and an extensive outreach campaign, including with those who would be most impacted by congestion pricing, to develop a project that works and will gain public and political acceptance. (pg. 85)</li> <li>• Recognize that benefits and impacts of pricing programs will vary across geographies. These variations should inform decisions about where a program should target investments and affordability strategies and in depth outreach. (pg. 84)</li> <li>• Carefully consider how the benefits and costs of congestion pricing impact different geographic and demographic groups. In particular, projects and programs need to conduct detailed analysis to show how to:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ maximize benefits (mobility, shift to transit, less emissions, better access to jobs and community places, affordability, and safety)</li> <li>○ address negative impacts (diversion and related congestion on nearby routes, slowing of buses, potential safety issues, costs to low-income travelers, and equity issues). (pg. 84)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Expert Review Panel</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-creation process partnering with community-based organizations. Focus on organizations that represent region’s low income and BIPOC communities             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Compensate people who are a part of this process.</li> <li>○ Participants should help shape goals and performance metrics, what defines success, help shape policy options, how they would make tradeoffs, help prioritize use of revenues</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Look at outcomes – who pays and what is the distribution of benefits – make sure that providing a disproportionate benefit to most vulnerable communities.</li> <li>• Understand and consider ability to pay as part of the structure – progressive fee structure.</li> <li>• Study people who are spending over 50% of their income on housing.</li> <li>• Use of revenues – focus on improving access and options to the area that is congested/priced, especially improving options for those places that do not have great options today.</li> <li>• Ensure that revenues are being used to support the desired costs and benefits</li> </ul> <b>RCPS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See table in Figure 1</li> <li>• Selection of particular technologies and methodologies for pricing should consider impacts on different demographic and income groups in the region. Expensive or complex pricing methods may not only unfairly burden transportation disadvantaged travelers and create barriers to entry for them but could also cause these groups to be punitively treated as violators due to their lack of access to the proper technologies... For example, paying tolls should allow those without access to traditional banking services to be able to use alternative payment methods, such as cash payment kiosks at local stores, or to preload a pass account at a retail location. (pg. 75-76)</li> <li>• Improve equity outcomes by:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Reducing harm and increasing benefits if agencies are willing to focus engagement on historically impacted residents and other stakeholders traditionally at a disadvantage and ensure they have a role in decision making at every step in the process. (pg. 6)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<p>communities and the extent the disparities are being eliminated.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Committing to targeted investments of net toll revenues for locally supported improvements such as improved transit infrastructure and services and traffic safety improvements. (pg. 6)</li> <li>○ Exploring who pays and to what degree, and considering a suite of affordability programs such as rebates or exemptions for low-income drivers, a “transportation wallet”, or other investments that address affordability. (pg. 6)</li> <li>• The biggest determinant of whether a congestion pricing program improves equity is how the program is designed—who benefits, how people are charged, and how revenue from congestion pricing strategies is spent (pg. 7)</li> <li>• With substantial community input and collaboration with representatives of impacted communities, agencies should gain consensus on equity definitions and to establish the equitable direction for the project, program, or study. (pg. 9)</li> <li>• Roadway-focused spending disproportionately benefit white people and those that have more means. In the Portland Metro area, people of color are more likely to rely on transit, walking, and carpooling. Nearly 20% of African American households, 14% of Latino households, and 13% of Asian households live without a car (Source: Metro 2018 RTP). In addition, racial minorities are four times more likely than whites to rely on transit for their work commute. Low-income people, disabled people, and seniors are also much more likely to rely on transit. Government provision of free roads and auto infrastructure acts like a matching grant, whereby those that can afford to own and operate a car are given the benefit. Those that cannot afford auto ownership or that are unable to drive, do not receive the same benefit. Transportation investments that focus on transit, walking, and biking infrastructure, especially if targeted to areas with concentrations of transportation disadvantaged groups can improve equity. Figure 2 (below) demonstrates equity impacts of different investment strategies (pg. 15)</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/> Equity <input type="checkbox"/> Safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Climate <input type="checkbox"/> Mobility	<p><b>Climate Smart Strategy policies (3.2.3.2)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Policy 2.</b> Make transit convenient, frequent, accessible and affordable.</li> <li>• <b>Policy 5.</b> Use technology to actively manage the transportation system and ensure that new and emerging technology affecting the region’s transportation system supports shared trips and other Climate Smart Strategy policy and strategies.</li> <li>• <b>Policy 6.</b> Provide information and incentives to expand the use of travel options.</li> <li>• <b>Policy 7.</b> Make efficient use of vehicle parking spaces through parking management and reducing the amount of land dedicated to parking.</li> <li>• <b>Policy 9.</b> Secure adequate funding for transportation investments that</li> </ul>	<p><b>RCPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The success of a specific project or program is largely based on how it is developed and implemented requiring detailed analysis, outreach, monitoring, and incorporation of best practices. (pg. 85)</li> <li>• ...projects and programs need to conduct detailed analysis to show how to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ maximize benefits (mobility, shift to transit, less emissions, better access to jobs and community places, affordability, and safety)</li> <li>○ address negative impacts (diversion and related congestion on nearby routes, slowing of buses, potential safety issues, costs to low-income travelers, and equity issues). (pg. 84)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Expert Review Panel</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build multimodal elements into program design. You can’t mitigate your way out of an inequitable program design.</li> <li>• Incentivize mode shift. All aspects should be part of this, including use of revenues. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Provide and fund alternatives to driving</li> <li>○ Commuter credits</li> <li>○ Use revenues to provide funds for transit passes</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Ideas for alternatives to driving and vehicle ownership that could be subsidized <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cash on transit card,</li> <li>○ EV carshare, including to affordable housing sites</li> <li>○ Transit passes</li> <li>○ Discounted rideshare rides</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The thing that really moves the needle on VMT reduction is auto ownership. How to encourage people to not need/want cars. Densify transit.</li> <li>• Subsidize the ongoing operation and maintenance of transit.</li> <li>• Small investments in striping bike lanes, pedestrian walkways, and similar things can help to solve the first/last mile between transit and key employment hubs.</li> </ul> <p><b>RCPS</b></p>

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	support the RTP climate leadership goal and objectives.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve equity outcomes by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Committing to targeted investments of net toll revenues for locally supported improvements such as improved transit infrastructure and services and traffic safety improvements. (pg. 6)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/> Equity <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Climate <input type="checkbox"/> Mobility	<b>Safety and Security Policies (3.2.1.4)</b>  <b>Policy 4.</b> Increase safety for all modes of travel for all people through the planning, design, construction, operation and maintenance of the transportation system, with a focus on reducing vehicle speeds.	<b>RCPS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build equity, safety, and affordability into the project definition so a holistic project that meets the need of the community is developed rather than adding “mitigations” later. (pg. 85)</li> </ul>	<b>RCPS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Once indicators have been selected, agencies should conduct the necessary assessments to identify the extent to which the identified populations of concern are impacted by project or program alternatives. Special attention should be placed on travelers by geography, mode, and demographics of interest. (pg. 11)</li> <li>• In depth analysis with modeling and mapping can show the geographies where benefits and impacts are likely to occur with a project. This analysis can help project implementers to understand where to focus investments (and outreach) and what types of investments make sense to improve equity. (pg. 12)</li> <li>• Agencies and communities will need to strike a balance between affordability programs and the kinds of strategies that can best increase access to opportunity, mode shift, improve community health/safety, or other desirable outcomes. (pg. 12)</li> <li>• ...resources should be provided to lower income communities and neighborhoods that are in the vicinity of roadways being considered in pricing scenarios. Some potential resources for these communities should include introducing programs to dedicate pricing revenues to affordability programs for low-income auto-users, public transit improvements, and bicycle and pedestrian improvements in communities faced with heavy congestion and health disparities. (pg. 21)</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/> Equity <input type="checkbox"/> Safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Climate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mobility	<b>Transportation Demand Management Policies (3.11)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Policy 1</b> – Expand use of pricing strategies to manage travel demand on the transportation system in combination with adequate transit service options.</li> <li>• <b>Table 3.10</b> Examples of TSMO strategies and investments</li> </ul> <p>The policy further defines the suite of pricing strategies as involving “the application of market pricing (through variable tolls, variable priced lanes, area-wide charges or cordon charges) to the use of roadways at different times of day...this strategy manages peak use on limited roadway infrastructure by providing an incentive for drivers to select other modes, routes, destinations or times of day for their travels. Reducing discretionary peak hour travel helps the system operate more efficiently improving mobility and reliability of the</p>	<b>RCPS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Congestion pricing can be used to improve mobility and reduce emissions. This study demonstrated how these tools could work with the region’s land use and transportation system. (pg. 84)</li> <li>• ...projects and programs need to conduct detailed analysis to show how to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ maximize benefits (mobility, shift to transit, less emissions, better access to jobs and community places, affordability, and safety)</li> <li>○ address negative impacts (diversion and related congestion on nearby routes, slowing of buses, potential safety issues, costs to low-income travelers, and equity issues). (pg. 84)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Expert Review Panel</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incentivize mode shift. All aspects should be part of this, including use of revenues. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Provide and fund alternatives to driving</li> <li>○ Commuter credits</li> <li>○ Use revenues to provide funds for transit passes</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Ideas for alternatives to driving and vehicle ownership that could be subsidized <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cash on transit card,</li> <li>○ EV carshare, including to affordable housing sites</li> <li>○ Transit passes</li> <li>○ Discounted rideshare rides</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<p><i>transportation system while limiting vehicle miles traveled and congestion-related auto emissions.....”</i></p> <p>The policy also discusses ODOT work on congestion pricing at the time of the 2018 RTP’s publication: <i>Through the end of 2018, ODOT conducted a feasibility analysis to explore the options available and determine how congestion (value) pricing could help ease congestion in the greater Portland area. Oregon’s House Bill 2017, also known as Keep Oregon Moving, directs the Oregon Transportation Commission to develop a proposal for value pricing on I-5 and I-205 from the state line to the junction of the two freeways just south of Tualatin, to reduce congestion. The State Legislature directed the OTC to seek approval from the Federal Highway Administration no later than December 31, 2018. If FHWA approves the proposal, the OTC is required to implement value pricing. See Chapter 8 for more information about future planning and analysis of this strategy.</i></p>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Equity <input type="checkbox"/> Safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Climate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mobility	<p><b>Regional Motor Vehicle Network Policies (3.5)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Policy 6</b> – In combination with increased transit service, consider use of value pricing to manage congestion and raise revenue when one or more lanes are being added to throughways.</li> <li>• <b>Policy 12</b> – Prior to adding new motor vehicle capacity beyond the planned system of motor vehicle through lanes, demonstrate that system and demand management strategies, including access management, transit and freight priority and value pricing, transit service and multimodal connectivity improvements cannot adequately address arterial or throughway deficiencies and bottlenecks.</li> <li>• <b>Table 3.7</b> Toolbox of strategies to address congestion in the region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Emerging: Congestion Pricing Strategies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Peak Period Pricing</li> <li>▪ Managed Lanes</li> <li>▪ High Occupancy Toll Lanes</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>RCPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All eight pricing scenarios reduced daily vehicle miles traveled. The VMT C scenario provided the greatest reduction (approximately 7.5%), while the Parking A scenario showed the smallest reduction (approximately 0.9%) (pg. 49)</li> <li>• Six of the eight pricing scenarios showed a decrease in total vehicle hours of delay (approximately 7% to 39%). The two Cordon scenarios showed increases (approximately 5% to 7%). While the two Roadway scenarios showed the greatest decrease in freeway vehicle hours of delay (approximately 35% to 38%), they both also showed an increase in arterial vehicle hours of delay (approximately 6% to 29%) (pg. 52)</li> </ul>	<p><b>RCPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leaders in the Metro region have long recognized the importance of pairing investments in transportation capacity building with travel demand management tools. The 2018 RTP identified congestion pricing as a high priority, high impact strategy (pg. 1)</li> <li>• Stockholm: The congestion pricing program has reduced traffic by 22% and greenhouse gas emissions by 14%. Program revenues have funded 18 new regional bus lines and 2,800 new regional park-and-ride spaces (pg. 82)</li> <li>• London: Prior to congestion pricing, traffic in central London averaged 2-5 mph. Since implementation, the average traffic speed has increased to 10 mph.17 London increased bus service in the pricing zone by 27%, improving transit reliability and travel times. As a result, bus ridership increased 38% in two years (pg. 82)</li> <li>• New York City: In 2019, New York City implemented a congestion zone surcharge on for-hire vehicles (like taxis, Uber and Lyft) in Manhattan as part of its phased approach to pricing. Future phases, planned for implementation in 2021, include a vehicle fee for crossing into a specified zone. Revenues collected from the program will be reinvested into capital transit projects, particularly in the city’s subway system. (pg. 82)</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Appendix L:</b> Federal performance-based planning and congestion management process documentation</li> </ul>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Equity</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Safety</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Climate</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Mobility</b>	<b>Emerging Technology Policies (3.2.4.3)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Policy 3.</b> Use the best available data to empower travelers to make travel choices and to plan and manage the transportation system.</li> <li>• <b>Policy 4.</b> Advance the public interest by anticipating, learning from and adapting to new development in technology.</li> </ul>	<b>RCPS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordinate with other pricing programs, including analysis of cumulative impacts and consideration of shared payment technologies, to reduce user confusion and ensure success of a program. (pg. 85)</li> </ul>	<b>RCPS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Selection of particular technologies and methodologies for pricing should consider impacts on different demographic and income groups in the region. Expensive or complex pricing methods may not only unfairly burden transportation disadvantaged travelers and create barriers to entry for them but could also cause these groups to be punitively treated as violators due to their lack of access to the proper technologies... For example, paying tolls should allow those without access to traditional banking services to be able to use alternative payment methods, such as cash payment kiosks at local stores, or to preload a pass account at a retail location. (pg. 75-76)</li> <li>• Deploying existing technologies will likely be less expensive to implement and reduce scheduling risks compared to deploying emerging or in-development technologies. Implementing existing technologies does need to be weighed against the risk of the technology becoming obsolete in the near future or being vulnerable to future market disruptors. (pg. 75)</li> <li>• Keeping in mind coordination with other pricing programs will go a long way towards creating a more seamless customer experience for travelers. In particular, ODOT is planning to implement tolling on Interstates in the Portland region, so adopting common technologies and payment systems may be advantageous in order to reduce duplicative efforts and provide savings through economies of scale. (pg. 75)</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Equity</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Safety</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Climate</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Mobility</b>	Various mobility corridors identify congestion pricing for consideration.		



**Table 2 Steps to Consider when Planning for Pricing**

TransForm's Pricing Roads, Advancing Equity Five Steps	NCHRP Tolling Assessment Steps	GARE Racial Equity Toolkit Steps & Questions	City of Portland Racial Equity Toolkit Worksheet Steps
1. Identify Who, What, and Where	1. Frame the Project 2. Identify the Applicable Requirements Governing Decisions 3. Recognize the Relevant Decision-Makers and Stakeholders	1. Proposal: What is the policy, program, practice, or budget decision under consideration? What are the desired results and outcomes? 2. Data: What's the data? What do the data tell us? 3. Community engagement: How have communities been engaged? Are there opportunities to expand engagement?	1. Set Equitable Outcomes 2. Collect and Analyze Data 3. Understand the Historical Context 4. Engage those most Impacted
2. Define Equity Outcome and Performance Indicators	4. Scope Approach to Measure and Address Impacts	See #1 "Proposal" above	See #1 "Set Equitable Outcomes" above
3. Determining Benefits and Burdens	5. Conduct Impact Analysis and Measurement	4. Analysis and strategies: Who will benefit from or be burdened by your proposal? What are your strategies for advancing racial equity or mitigating unintended consequences?	See #2 "Collect and Analyze Data" above
4. Choose Programs that Advance Transportation Equity	6. Identify and Assess Mitigation Strategies	See #4 "Analysis and Strategies" above	5. Develop Racially Equitable Strategies and Refine Outcomes 6. Implement Changes
5. Provide Accountable Feedback and Evaluation	7. Document Results for Decision Makers and the Public 8. Conduct Post-Implementation Monitoring	5. Accountability and communication: How will you ensure accountability, affordability, communicate, and evaluate results? 6. Implementation: What is your plan for implementation?	7. Evaluate/ Accountability/ Report Back

Figure 2 Table from Page 15 of RCPS

REVENUE INVESTMENT EQUITY MATRIX	
INVESTMENT STRATEGY	EQUITY IMPACTS
Road expansion	Does not add more affordable options.
Mix of road expansion and transit	Some drivers can shift to new, more affordable modes. Transit users also benefit.
Transit, walking, and bike infrastructure with targeted carpool, vanpool, and new mobility options where needed	Allows greater shift to more affordable and sustainable modes.
Transit, walking, and bike infrastructure with an <b>intensive focus on vulnerable communities</b>	Significant expansion of commute options and a reduction in user costs (if fares are reduced on transit and other mobility options).

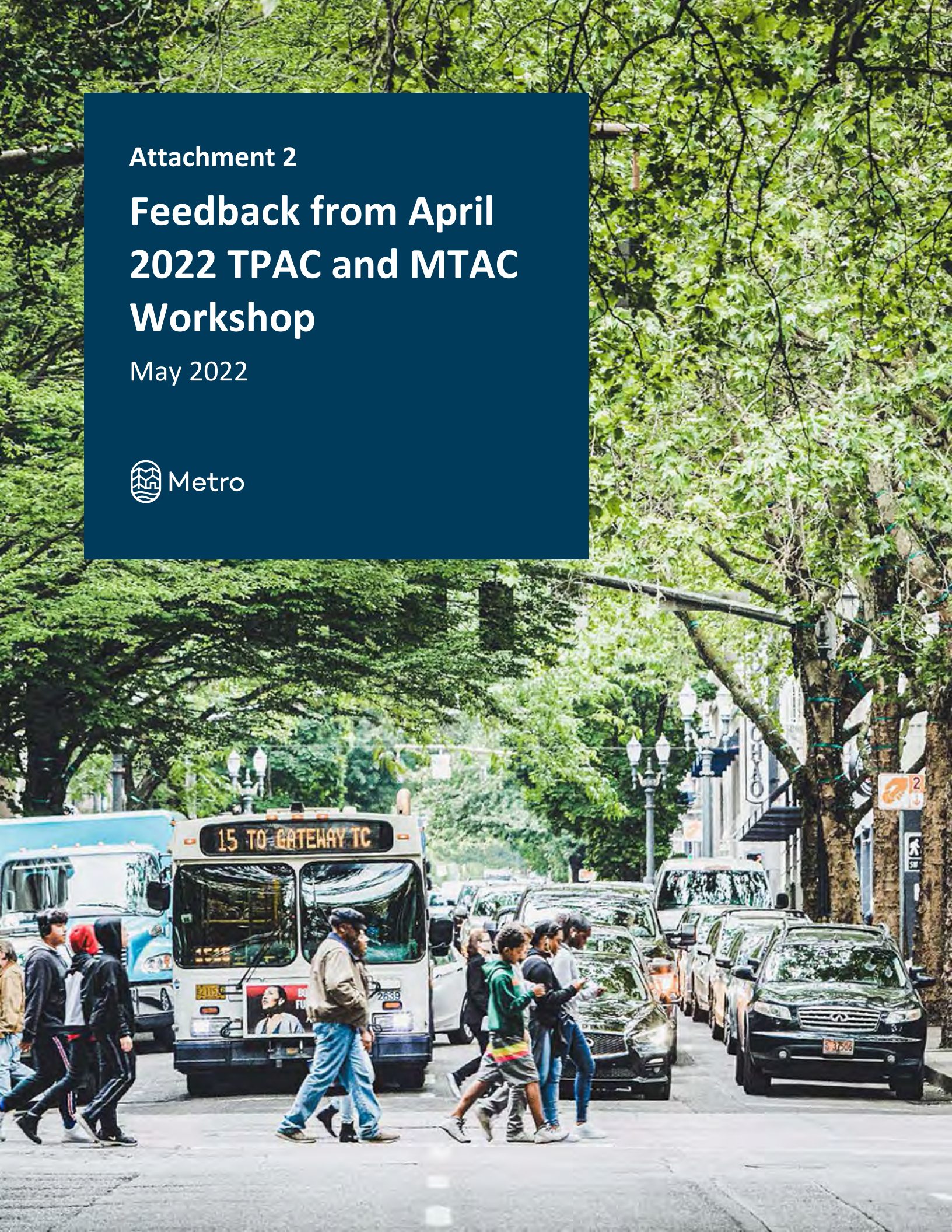
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Attachment 2

# Feedback from April 2022 TPAC and MTAC Workshop

May 2022







TPAC and MTAC Feedback

# Clackamas County

May 2022



# Attachment 1 - Metro Regional Transportation Plan – Congestion Pricing Policy Overview April 2022 – For TPAC/MTAC Feedback

This document provides an overview of existing policies from the 2018 RTP that are relevant to congestion pricing, along with related findings and recommendations from Metro’s Regional Congestion Pricing Study (RCPS), as well as supportive language from the RCPS and the Expert Review Panel that was convened in April 2021 to review the RCPS. The first column in the table below identifies which one or more of the four RTP priorities (Equity, Safety, Climate, Mobility) relate to each policy.

**Feedback is requested by May 4, 2022.** Please send to [alex.oreschak@oregonmetro.gov](mailto:alex.oreschak@oregonmetro.gov). There is space within this document to provide feedback on each 2018 RTP element, or to provide general thoughts at the bottom of the table. If easier, sending an email with comments in the email body or as a separate attachment is also acceptable.

Additionally, below are questions that Metro staff asked TPAC and MTAC at the April 20, 2022 workshop to consider as they review this information:

- Are these the right policy areas to evaluate?
  - It is a good start
- Are we missing any important policy topics or gaps?
  - Clearly discuss linkage to Oregon Highway Plan.
- What specific policy language would you want to see to update the existing language or address gaps?
  - It will be easier to respond to the next draft for the proposed Policy language to know if there are any gaps
- How do we balance the need to respond to and help shape existing projects while at the same time, providing a broad blueprint on pricing that can address future projects that may take different approaches to applying pricing to our system?
  - The RTP should include broad overarching guidance, but there are elements of a congestion pricing project (such as expenditure of revenue) that will need to be discussed at the project by project level
- Do we still primarily want pricing to be used to manage congestion and encourage mode shift, or are there other goals and objectives that the RTP should be placing more emphasis on in relation to pricing?
  - We need to acknowledge that Pricing is also being used to raise revenue.
- Should the existing definition of congestion pricing in the 2018 RTP (Transportation Demand Management Policies (3.11)) remain, or be replaced/updated, and whether this definition or another, is this is the right place for pricing to be defined?
  - Yes the definition should be updated
- Can or should there be a more consistent way for mobility corridors to include consideration of pricing, and can or should there be additional considerations in Chapter 8 beyond whatever pricing language ends up within other chapters or sections of the RTP?
  - Overall, the Mobility Corridor section of the RTP needs to be refreshed and clarified on how they should be used. We need more information on how this would be useful within the RTP.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Equity <input type="checkbox"/> Safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Climate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mobility	<b>Goal 4: Reliability and Efficiency (2-16)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Objective 4.6 Pricing</b> – Expand the use of pricing strategies to manage vehicle congestion and encourage shared trips and use of transit.</li> </ul>	<b>RCPS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Define clear goals and outcomes from the beginning of a pricing program. The program priorities such as mobility, revenues, or equity should inform the program design and implementation strategies. Optimizing for one priority over another can lead to different outcomes. (pg. 84)</li> </ul>	<b>Expert Review Panel</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revenue reinvestment is single most important factor, but pricing is an expensive and difficult way to raise revenue. Pricing should be done for other goals, like congestion and reducing GHG emissions.</li> </ul> <b>RCPS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ...identify and commit to equity indicators to assess the benefits and burdens of pricing. Measurable indicators can and should be established for both outcome equity (such as affordability, access to opportunity, community health) and process equity (community engagement) indicators. (pg. 9-10)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Generally OK.</b></p> <p><b>Pricing should be analyzed as a tool for congestion management to improve reliability and efficiency.</b></p> <p><b>What equity indicators will be used? Must also include considerations for people with low income.</b></p>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Equity <input type="checkbox"/> Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Climate <input type="checkbox"/> Mobility	<b>Regional Transportation Equity Policies (3-18)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Policy 1:</b> Integrate consideration of equity into the planning implementation of transportation projects, programs, policies and strategies to comprehensively consider the benefits and impacts of transportation and eliminate disparities and barriers experienced by</li> </ul>	<b>RCPS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Congestion pricing can benefit communities that have been harmed in the past, providing meaningful equity benefits to the region. However, if not done thoughtfully, congestion pricing could harm BIPOC and low-income communities, compounding past injustices. (pg. 85)</li> <li>• Conduct meaningful engagement and an extensive outreach campaign, including with those who would be most impacted by congestion pricing, to</li> </ul>	<b>Expert Review Panel</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-creation process partnering with community-based organizations. Focus on organizations that represent region’s low income and BIPOC communities                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Compensate people who are a part of this process.</li> <li>○ Participants should help shape goals and performance metrics, what defines success, help shape policy options, how they would make tradeoffs, help prioritize use of revenues</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>In Policy 1: Considerations for people with low income, elderly and disabled should also be included in equity analysis.</b></p> <p><b>Must make sure if working with CBO’s that they are dispersed across the region and correspond directly with the communities impacted.</b></p>

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	<p>marginalized communities, particularly communities of color.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Policy 2.</b> Ensure investments in the transportation system anticipate and minimize the effects of displacement and other affordability impacts on historically marginalized communities, with a focus on communities of color and people with low income.</li> <li>• <b>Policy 4.</b> Use inclusive decision-making processes that provide meaningful opportunities for communities of color, people with low income and other historically marginalized communities to engage and participate in the development and implementation of transportation plans, projects and programs.</li> <li>• <b>Policy 6.</b> Evaluate transportation plans, policies, programs and investments to understand how they address transportation-related disparities and barriers experienced by communities of color, people with low-income and other historically marginalized communities and the extent the disparities are being eliminated.</li> </ul>	<p>develop a project that works and will gain public and political acceptance. (pg. 85)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognize that benefits and impacts of pricing programs will vary across geographies. These variations should inform decisions about where a program should target investments and affordability strategies and in depth outreach. (pg. 84)</li> <li>• Carefully consider how the benefits and costs of congestion pricing impact different geographic and demographic groups. In particular, projects and programs need to conduct detailed analysis to show how to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ maximize benefits (mobility, shift to transit, less emissions, better access to jobs and community places, affordability, and safety)</li> <li>○ address negative impacts (diversion and related congestion on nearby routes, slowing of buses, potential safety issues, costs to low-income travelers, and equity issues). (pg. 84)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Look at outcomes – who pays and what is the distribution of benefits – make sure that providing a disproportionate benefit to most vulnerable communities.</li> <li>• Understand and consider ability to pay as part of the structure – progressive fee structure.</li> <li>• Study people who are spending over 50% of their income on housing.</li> <li>• Use of revenues – focus on improving access and options to the area that is congested/priced, especially improving options for those places that do not have great options today.</li> <li>• Ensure that revenues are being used to support the desired costs and benefits</li> </ul> <p><b>RCPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See table in Figure 1</li> <li>• Selection of particular technologies and methodologies for pricing should consider impacts on different demographic and income groups in the region. Expensive or complex pricing methods may not only unfairly burden transportation disadvantaged travelers and create barriers to entry for them but could also cause these groups to be punitively treated as violators due to their lack of access to the proper technologies... For example, paying tolls should allow those without access to traditional banking services to be able to use alternative payment methods, such as cash payment kiosks at local stores, or to preload a pass account at a retail location. (pg. 75-76)</li> <li>• Improve equity outcomes by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Reducing harm and increasing benefits if agencies are willing to focus engagement on historically impacted residents and other stakeholders traditionally at a disadvantage and ensure they have a role in decision making at every step in the process. (pg. 6)</li> <li>○ Committing to targeted investments of net toll revenues for locally supported improvements such as improved transit infrastructure and services and traffic safety improvements. (pg. 6)</li> <li>○ Exploring who pays and to what degree, and considering a suite of affordability programs such as rebates or exemptions for low-income drivers, a “transportation wallet”, or other investments that address affordability. (pg. 6)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The biggest determinant of whether a congestion pricing program improves equity is how the program is designed— who benefits, how people are charged, and how revenue from congestion pricing strategies is spent (pg. 7)</li> <li>• With substantial community input and collaboration with representatives of impacted communities, agencies should gain consensus on equity definitions and to establish the equitable direction for the project, program, or study. (pg. 9)</li> <li>• Roadway-focused spending disproportionately benefit white people and those that have more means. In the Portland</li> </ul>	<p><b>Should be sure that analysis of diversion includes both short term mitigations and long term monitoring and mitigation</b></p>

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			<p>Metro area, people of color are more likely to rely on transit, walking, and carpooling. Nearly 20% of African American households, 14% of Latino households, and 13% of Asian households live without a car (Source: Metro 2018 RTP). In addition, racial minorities are four times more likely than whites to rely on transit for their work commute. Low-income people, disabled people, and seniors are also much more likely to rely on transit. Government provision of free roads and auto infrastructure acts like a matching grant, whereby those that can afford to own and operate a car are given the benefit. Those that cannot afford auto ownership or that are unable to drive, do not receive the same benefit. Transportation investments that focus on transit, walking, and biking infrastructure, especially if targeted to areas with concentrations of transportation disadvantaged groups can improve equity. Figure 2 (below) demonstrates equity impacts of different investment strategies (pg. 15)</p>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Equity <input type="checkbox"/> Safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Climate <input type="checkbox"/> Mobility	<p><b>Climate Smart Strategy policies (3.2.3.2)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Policy 2.</b> Make transit convenient, frequent, accessible and affordable.</li> <li>• <b>Policy 5.</b> Use technology to actively manage the transportation system and ensure that new and emerging technology affecting the region’s transportation system supports shared trips and other Climate Smart Strategy policy and strategies.</li> <li>• <b>Policy 6.</b> Provide information and incentives to expand the use of travel options.</li> <li>• <b>Policy 7.</b> Make efficient use of vehicle parking spaces through parking management and reducing the amount of land dedicated to parking.</li> <li>• <b>Policy 9.</b> Secure adequate funding for transportation investments that support the RTP climate leadership goal and objectives.</li> </ul>	<p><b>RCPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The success of a specific project or program is largely based on how it is developed and implemented requiring detailed analysis, outreach, monitoring, and incorporation of best practices. (pg. 85)</li> <li>• ...projects and programs need to conduct detailed analysis to show how to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ maximize benefits (mobility, shift to transit, less emissions, better access to jobs and community places, affordability, and safety)</li> <li>○ address negative impacts (diversion and related congestion on nearby routes, slowing of buses, potential safety issues, costs to low-income travelers, and equity issues). (pg. 84)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Expert Review Panel</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build multimodal elements into program design. You can’t mitigate your way out of an inequitable program design.</li> <li>• Incentivize mode shift. All aspects should be part of this, including use of revenues. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Provide and fund alternatives to driving</li> <li>○ Commuter credits</li> <li>○ Use revenues to provide funds for transit passes</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Ideas for alternatives to driving and vehicle ownership that could be subsidized <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cash on transit card,</li> <li>○ EV carshare, including to affordable housing sites</li> <li>○ Transit passes</li> <li>○ Discounted rideshare rides</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The thing that really moves the needle on VMT reduction is auto ownership. How to encourage people to not need/want cars. Densify transit.</li> <li>• Subsidize the ongoing operation and maintenance of transit.</li> <li>• Small investments in striping bike lanes, pedestrian walkways, and similar things can help to solve the first/last mile between transit and key employment hubs.</li> </ul> <p><b>RCPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve equity outcomes by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Committing to targeted investments of net toll revenues for locally supported improvements such as improved transit infrastructure and services and traffic safety improvements. (pg. 6)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Pricing is tangentially related to Climate policies 2, 5 6 and 9 in that Pricing could provide a funding source and pricing could cause people to switch to other modes.</b></p> <p><b>Add policies to reflect ideas such as “When pricing is used, provide incentives to use other modes”</b></p> <p><b>Add Policy that addresses Pricing and the need to integrate GHG reduction as a primary goal of the program.</b></p> <p><b>Strengthen Policy 7 to reflect CFEC work on Parking</b></p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Equity <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Climate <input type="checkbox"/> Mobility	<p><b>Safety and Security Policies (3.2.1.4)</b></p> <p><b>Policy 4.</b> Increase safety for all modes of travel for all people through the planning, design,</p>	<p><b>RCPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build equity, safety, and affordability into the project definition so a holistic project that meets</li> </ul>	<p><b>RCPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Once indicators have been selected, agencies should conduct the necessary assessments to identify the extent to which the identified populations of concern are impacted by project or</li> </ul>	<p><b>These policies only seem tangentially related.</b></p>



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	<p>construction, operation and maintenance of the transportation system, with a focus on reducing vehicle speeds.</p>	<p>the need of the community is developed rather than adding “mitigations” later. (pg. 85)</p>	<p>program alternatives. Special attention should be placed on travelers by geography, mode, and demographics of interest. (pg. 11)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In depth analysis with modeling and mapping can show the geographies where benefits and impacts are likely to occur with a project. This analysis can help project implementers to understand where to focus investments (and outreach) and what types of investments make sense to improve equity. (pg. 12)</li> <li>Agencies and communities will need to strike a balance between affordability programs and the kinds of strategies that can best increase access to opportunity, mode shift, improve community health/safety, or other desirable outcomes. (pg. 12)</li> <li>...resources should be provided to lower income communities and neighborhoods that are in the vicinity of roadways being considered in pricing scenarios. Some potential resources for these communities should include introducing programs to dedicate pricing revenues to affordability programs for low-income auto-users, public transit improvements, and bicycle and pedestrian improvements in communities faced with heavy congestion and health disparities. (pg. 21)</li> </ul>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Equity <input type="checkbox"/> Safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Climate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mobility	<p><b>Transportation Demand Management Policies (3.11)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Policy 1</b> – Expand use of pricing strategies to manage travel demand on the transportation system in combination with adequate transit service options.</li> <li><b>Table 3.10</b> Examples of TSMO strategies and investments</li> </ul> <p>The policy further defines the suite of pricing strategies as involving “<i>the application of market pricing (through variable tolls, variable priced lanes, area-wide charges or cordon charges) to the use of roadways at different times of day...this strategy manages peak use on limited roadway infrastructure by providing an incentive for drivers to select other modes, routes, destinations or times of day for their travels. Reducing discretionary peak hour travel helps the system operate more efficiently improving mobility and reliability of the transportation system while limiting vehicle miles traveled and congestion-related auto emissions.....</i>”</p>	<p><b>RCPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Congestion pricing can be used to improve mobility and reduce emissions. This study demonstrated how these tools could work with the region’s land use and transportation system. (pg. 84)</li> <li>...projects and programs need to conduct detailed analysis to show how to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>maximize benefits (mobility, shift to transit, less emissions, better access to jobs and community places, affordability, and safety)</li> <li>address negative impacts (diversion and related congestion on nearby routes, slowing of buses, potential safety issues, costs to low-income travelers, and equity issues). (pg. 84)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Expert Review Panel</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Incentivize mode shift. All aspects should be part of this, including use of revenues. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide and fund alternatives to driving</li> <li>Commuter credits</li> <li>Use revenues to provide funds for transit passes</li> </ul> </li> <li>Ideas for alternatives to driving and vehicle ownership that could be subsidized <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cash on transit card,</li> <li>EV carshare, including to affordable housing sites</li> <li>Transit passes</li> <li>Discounted rideshare rides</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Starting Pages 3-129</b></p> <p><b>This section is buried too deep in the RTP, but it has the closest relationship to Pricing.</b></p> <p><b>This about moving this section up in the RTP. It could be included under “Overarching System Policies”, then the Congestion Pricing Policies could be added.</b></p> <p><b>Recommendation from Expert Review panel for subsidized transit access is problematic if the transit service does not offer a viable alternative for residents. A larger conversation on what it would take to make transit a viable option in areas like Clackamas County is needed.</b></p>

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	<p>The policy also discusses ODOT work on congestion pricing at the time of the 2018 RTP's publication: <i>Through the end of 2018, ODOT conducted a feasibility analysis to explore the options available and determine how congestion (value) pricing could help ease congestion in the greater Portland area. Oregon's House Bill 2017, also known as Keep Oregon Moving, directs the Oregon Transportation Commission to develop a proposal for value pricing on I-5 and I-205 from the state line to the junction of the two freeways just south of Tualatin, to reduce congestion. The State Legislature directed the OTC to seek approval from the Federal Highway Administration no later than December 31, 2018. If FHWA approves the proposal, the OTC is required to implement value pricing. See Chapter 8 for more information about future planning and analysis of this strategy.</i></p>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Equity <input type="checkbox"/> Safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Climate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mobility	<p><b>Regional Motor Vehicle Network Policies (3.5)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Policy 6</b> – In combination with increased transit service, consider use of value pricing to manage congestion and raise revenue when one or more lanes are being added to throughways.</li> <li>• <b>Policy 12</b> – Prior to adding new motor vehicle capacity beyond the planned system of motor vehicle through lanes, demonstrate that system and demand management strategies, including access management, transit and freight priority and value pricing, transit service and multimodal connectivity improvements cannot adequately address arterial or throughway deficiencies and bottlenecks.</li> <li>• <b>Table 3.7</b> Toolbox of strategies to address congestion in the region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Emerging: Congestion Pricing Strategies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Peak Period Pricing</li> <li>▪ Managed Lanes</li> <li>▪ High Occupancy Toll Lanes</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Appendix L:</b> Federal performance-based planning and congestion management process documentation</li> </ul>	<p><b>RCPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All eight pricing scenarios reduced daily vehicle miles traveled. The VMT C scenario provided the greatest reduction (approximately 7.5%), while the Parking A scenario showed the smallest reduction (approximately 0.9%) (pg. 49)</li> <li>• Six of the eight pricing scenarios showed a decrease in total vehicle hours of delay (approximately 7% to 39%). The two Cordon scenarios showed increases (approximately 5% to 7%). While the two Roadway scenarios showed the greatest decrease in freeway vehicle hours of delay (approximately 35% to 38%), they both also showed an increase in arterial vehicle hours of delay (approximately 6% to 29%) (pg. 52)</li> </ul>	<p><b>RCPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leaders in the Metro region have long recognized the importance of pairing investments in transportation capacity building with travel demand management tools. The 2018 RTP identified congestion pricing as a high priority, high impact strategy (pg. 1)</li> <li>• Stockholm: The congestion pricing program has reduced traffic by 22% and greenhouse gas emissions by 14%. Program revenues have funded 18 new regional bus lines and 2,800 new regional park-and-ride spaces (pg. 82)</li> <li>• London: Prior to congestion pricing, traffic in central London averaged 2-5 mph. Since implementation, the average traffic speed has increased to 10 mph.17 London increased bus service in the pricing zone by 27%, improving transit reliability and travel times. As a result, bus ridership increased 38% in two years (pg. 82)</li> <li>• New York City: In 2019, New York City implemented a congestion zone surcharge on for-hire vehicles (like taxis, Uber and Lyft) in Manhattan as part of its phased approach to pricing. Future phases, planned for implementation in 2021, include a vehicle fee for crossing into a specified zone. Revenues collected from the program will be reinvested into capital transit projects, particularly in the city's subway system. (pg. 82)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Policy 6 does not include the concept currently being discussed by ODOT which is pricing all lanes, both new and existing.</b></p> <p><b>What about other types of congestion pricing (ie Cordon)</b></p> <p><b>Not sure if more should be added here of congestion pricing. Perhaps best in TSMO.</b></p>

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<input type="checkbox"/> Equity <input type="checkbox"/> Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Climate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mobility	Various mobility corridors identify congestion pricing for consideration.			<b>Overall, the Mobility Corridor section should be updated holistically as a project for the next RTP update.</b>

Additional thoughts from TPAC/MTAC Members:

Recognize that Congestion Pricing is a program. The Equity considerations should be integrated into the Program. Add this in Chapter 8.

There needs to be a more in depth discussion of Funding for the system, and the role that Congestion Pricing will play in funding the Interstate system, and the Urban Mobility Office. Information should be added into Chapter 5.

Also add in information from "Revenue Investment Equity Matrix" into Chapter 5 as well as other information about restricted revenue sources.

Can we add more general information from the Congestion Pricing study to the updated and reordered TSMO section, then in a Chapter 8 Program, talk directly about the UMO, interstate congestion pricing/tolling and other specific policies related to these programs?



**Table 2 Steps to Consider when Planning for Pricing**

TransForm's Pricing Roads, Advancing Equity Five Steps	NCHRP Tolling Assessment Steps	GARE Racial Equity Toolkit Steps & Questions	City of Portland Racial Equity Toolkit Worksheet Steps
1. Identify Who, What, and Where	1. Frame the Project 2. Identify the Applicable Requirements Governing Decisions 3. Recognize the Relevant Decision-Makers and Stakeholders	1. Proposal: What is the policy, program, practice, or budget decision under consideration? What are the desired results and outcomes? 2. Data: What's the data? What do the data tell us? 3. Community engagement: How have communities been engaged? Are there opportunities to expand engagement?	1. Set Equitable Outcomes 2. Collect and Analyze Data 3. Understand the Historical Context 4. Engage those most Impacted
2. Define Equity Outcome and Performance Indicators	4. Scope Approach to Measure and Address Impacts	<i>See #1 "Proposal" above</i>	<i>See #1 "Set Equitable Outcomes" above</i>
3. Determining Benefits and Burdens	5. Conduct Impact Analysis and Measurement	4. Analysis and strategies: Who will benefit from or be burdened by your proposal? What are your strategies for advancing racial equity or mitigating unintended consequences?	<i>See #2 "Collect and Analyze Data" above</i>
4. Choose Programs that Advance Transportation Equity	6. Identify and Assess Mitigation Strategies	<i>See #4 "Analysis and Strategies" above</i>	5. Develop Racially Equitable Strategies and Refine Outcomes 6. Implement Changes
5. Provide Accountable Feedback and Evaluation	7. Document Results for Decision Makers and the Public 8. Conduct Post-Implementation Monitoring	5. Accountability and communication: How will you ensure accountability, affordability, communicate, and evaluate results? 6. Implementation: What is your plan for implementation?	7. Evaluate/ Accountability/ Report Back

Figure 2 Table from Page 15 of RCPS

REVENUE INVESTMENT EQUITY MATRIX	
INVESTMENT STRATEGY	EQUITY IMPACTS
<b>Road expansion</b>	Does not add more affordable options.
<b>Mix of road expansion and transit</b>	Some drivers can shift to new, more affordable modes. Transit users also benefit.
<b>Transit, walking, and bike infrastructure with targeted carpool, vanpool, and new mobility options where needed</b>	Allows greater shift to more affordable and sustainable modes.
<b>Transit, walking, and bike infrastructure with an intensive focus on vulnerable communities</b>	Significant expansion of commute options and a reduction in user costs (if fares are reduced on transit and other mobility options).

Source: TransForm

Are these the right policy areas to evaluate?

- **Clackamas County:** It is a good start
- **Washington County:** These areas look good. Honestly, I'd have to review all the RTP policy areas to be sure.

Are we missing any important policy topics or gaps?

- **Clackamas County:** Clearly discuss linkage to Oregon Highway Plan.
- **Washington County:** I could see adding something under Regional Freight Vision and policy and in the Shared Prosperity Goal. Potentially Fiscal Stewardship and the Transparency and Accountability goals. Also in the transit vision as we increase need for transit investments to support travel options to tolled travel.

What specific policy language would you want to see to update the existing language or address gaps?

- **Clackamas County:** It will be easier to respond to the next draft for the proposed Policy language to know if there are any gaps
- **Washington County:** Include a policy to manage demand and provide reliable and safe travel. A goal should be to support mode shift. This would focus revenues to tools that shift mode -not just shifting trip time of day. Successful mode shift would provide equity travel options and reduce diversion and the related safety/congestion/livability/air quality impacts of diversion. The tools for mode shift could vary by type of pricing program and therefore the type of trips. For local trips in a cordon pricing area, for example, this could be promoting bike lanes or pedestrian zones. For tolling on a freeway, the tool to support mode shift would be more regional transit investments. This would be in addition to tools needed to improve safety and reliability on the road network – and which could vary by type of pricing and level of congestion.

How do we balance the need to respond to and help shape existing projects while at the same time, providing a broad blueprint on pricing that can address future projects that may take different approaches to applying pricing to our system?

- **Clackamas County:** The RTP should include broad overarching guidance, but there are elements of a congestion pricing project (such as expenditure of revenue) that will need to be discussed at the project by project level
- **Washington County:** This is a great question. When you say 'existing projects' do you mean the existing transportation system and/or planned projects for construction? I would say we need to continue to promote transportation demand management - increase travel options - and promote awareness of them through WTA and other organizations. A new tool now may be the flexible work home/office environment. For future projects – we will need to be flexible. The basic policy for decades has been that we need to demonstrate we considered options before adding road capacity. The terms or definitions may change and/or the timing for how we consider this– but the general direction is the same. We need to continue to show some flexibility in how we measure how we demonstrate and accomplish this.

Do we still primarily want pricing to be used to manage congestion and encourage mode shift, or are there other goals and objectives that the RTP should be placing more emphasis on in relation to pricing?

- **Clackamas County:** We need to acknowledge that Pricing is also being used to raise revenue.
- **Washington County:** This is the core goal because it is correlated to providing travel options for those who can't shift time of day of travel and mode shift reduces diversion and its related impacts. Other goals, including providing safe and reliable travel are needed. As part of this

policies are needed that offer toll exemptions or reductions for low income drivers– which could vary by type of pricing program. Pricing reductions for parking is different than exemptions for tolls on a freeway.

Should the existing definition of congestion pricing in the 2018 RTP (Transportation Demand Management Policies (3.11)) remain, or be replaced/updated, and whether this definition or another, is this is the right place for pricing to be defined?

- **Clackamas County: Yes the definition should be updated**
- **Washington County:** This is the right place for it to be defined. Pricing is a way to manage the transportation system. I'll be interested in hearing what other ideas people have.

Can or should there be a more consistent way for mobility corridors to include consideration of pricing, and can or should there be additional considerations in Chapter 8 beyond whatever pricing language ends up within other chapters or sections of the RTP?

- **Clackamas County: Overall, the Mobility Corridor section of the RTP needs to be refreshed and clarified on how they should be used. We need more information on how this would be useful within the RTP.**
- **Washington County:** Focusing on mobility corridors seems too narrow of an area for focus because they do not cover the full region and the boundaries may not relate to the pricing tool under consideration. Monitoring changes in travel patterns/mode in mobility corridors could be helpful – I would add the extra north south corridor in Washington County to pick up diversion/rerouting impacts from pricing elsewhere.

TPAC and MTAC Feedback

# Happy Valley

May 2022





# Attachment 1 - Metro Regional Transportation Plan – Congestion Pricing Policy Overview April 2022 – For TPAC/MTAC Feedback

This document provides an overview of existing policies from the 2018 RTP that are relevant to congestion pricing, along with related findings and recommendations from Metro’s Regional Congestion Pricing Study (RCPS), as well as supportive language from the RCPS and the Expert Review Panel that was convened in April 2021 to review the RCPS. The first column in the table below identifies which one or more of the four RTP priorities (Equity, Safety, Climate, Mobility) relate to each policy.

**Feedback is requested by May 4, 2022.** Please send to [alex.oreschak@oregonmetro.gov](mailto:alex.oreschak@oregonmetro.gov). There is space within this document to provide feedback on each 2018 RTP element, or to provide general thoughts at the bottom of the table. If easier, sending an email with comments in the email body or as a separate attachment is also acceptable.

Additionally, below are questions that Metro staff asked TPAC and MTAC at the April 20, 2022 workshop to consider as they review this information:

- Are these the right policy areas to evaluate?
- Are we missing any important policy topics or gaps?
- What specific policy language would you want to see to update the existing language or address gaps?
- How do we balance the need to respond to and help shape existing projects while at the same time, providing a broad blueprint on pricing that can address future projects that may take different approaches to applying pricing to our system?
- Do we still primarily want pricing to be used to manage congestion and encourage mode shift, or are there other goals and objectives that the RTP should be placing more emphasis on in relation to pricing?
- Should the existing definition of congestion pricing in the 2018 RTP (Transportation Demand Management Policies (3.11)) remain, or be replaced/updated, and whether this definition or another, is this is the right place for pricing to be defined?
- Can or should there be a more consistent way for mobility corridors to include consideration of pricing, and can or should there be additional considerations in Chapter 8 beyond whatever pricing language ends up within other chapters or sections of the RTP?

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<input type="checkbox"/> Equity <input type="checkbox"/> Safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Climate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mobility	<b>Goal 4: Reliability and Efficiency (2-16)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Objective 4.6 Pricing</b> – Expand the use of pricing strategies to manage vehicle congestion and encourage shared trips and use of transit.</li> </ul>	<b>RCPS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Define clear goals and outcomes from the beginning of a pricing program. The program priorities such as mobility, revenues, or equity should inform the program design and implementation strategies. Optimizing for one priority over another can lead to different outcomes. (pg. 84)</li> </ul>	<b>Expert Review Panel</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revenue reinvestment is single most important factor, but pricing is an expensive and difficult way to raise revenue. Pricing should be done for other goals, like congestion and reducing GHG emissions.</li> </ul> <b>RCPS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ...identify and commit to equity indicators to assess the benefits and burdens of pricing. Measurable indicators can and should be established for both outcome equity (such as affordability, access to opportunity, community health) and process equity (community engagement) indicators. (pg. 9-10)</li> </ul>	Update Objective 4.6 to address demand management <i>and</i> system completeness. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The former better captures our desire for equitable demand, temporal, and modal shifts.</li> <li>- The latter addresses the infrastructure lens of Section 129-type programs.</li> </ul>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Equity <input type="checkbox"/> Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Climate <input type="checkbox"/> Mobility	<b>Regional Transportation Equity Policies (3-18)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Policy 1:</b> Embed equity into the planning implementation of transportation projects, programs, policies and strategies to comprehensively consider the benefits and impacts of transportation and eliminate disparities and barriers experienced by marginalized communities, particularly communities of color and people with low income.</li> <li>• <b>Policy 2.</b> Ensure investments in the transportation system anticipate and minimize the effects of displacement and other affordability impacts on historically marginalized communities,</li> </ul>	<b>RCPS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Congestion pricing can benefit communities that have been harmed in the past, providing meaningful equity benefits to the region. However, if not done thoughtfully, congestion pricing could harm BIPOC and low-income communities, compounding past injustices. (pg. 85)</li> <li>• Conduct meaningful engagement and an extensive outreach campaign, including with those who would be most impacted by congestion pricing, to develop a project that works and will gain public and political acceptance. (pg. 85)</li> <li>• Recognize that benefits and impacts of pricing programs will vary across geographies. These variations should inform decisions about where a program should target investments and</li> </ul>	<b>Expert Review Panel</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-creation process partnering with community-based organizations. Focus on organizations that represent region’s low income and BIPOC communities               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Compensate people who are a part of this process.</li> <li>○ Participants should help shape goals and performance metrics, what defines success, help shape policy options, how they would make tradeoffs, help prioritize use of revenues</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Look at outcomes – who pays and what is the distribution of benefits – make sure that providing a disproportionate benefit to most vulnerable communities.</li> <li>• Understand and consider ability to pay as part of the structure – progressive fee structure.</li> <li>• Study people who are spending over 50% of their income on housing.</li> </ul>	Policy 1 includes typos and the omission of people experiencing economic hardship.  Consider Policy 3 as it relates to prioritizing investments that eliminate disparities and barriers for historically marginalized communities, particularly communities of color and people experiencing economic hardship.  Consider Policy 7 on supporting family-wage job opportunities and a diverse construction work force. Wouldn’t this be in alignment with the construction career pathways

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	<p>with a focus on communities of color and people with low income.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Policy 4.</b> Use inclusive decision-making processes that provide meaningful opportunities for communities of color, people with low income and other historically marginalized communities to engage and participate in the development and implementation of transportation plans, projects and programs.</li> <li>• <b>Policy 6.</b> Evaluate transportation plans, policies, programs and investments to understand how they address transportation-related disparities and barriers experienced by communities of color, people with low-income and other historically marginalized communities and the extent the disparities are being eliminated.</li> </ul>	<p>affordability strategies and in depth outreach. (pg. 84)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carefully consider how the benefits and costs of congestion pricing impact different geographic and demographic groups. In particular, projects and programs need to conduct detailed analysis to show how to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ maximize benefits (mobility, shift to transit, less emissions, better access to jobs and community places, affordability, and safety)</li> <li>○ address negative impacts (diversion and related congestion on nearby routes, slowing of buses, potential safety issues, costs to low-income travelers, and equity issues). (pg. 84)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of revenues – focus on improving access and options to the area that is congested/priced, especially improving options for those places that do not have great options today.</li> <li>• Ensure that revenues are being used to support the desired costs and benefits</li> </ul> <p><b>RCPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See table in Figure 1</li> <li>• Selection of particular technologies and methodologies for pricing should consider impacts on different demographic and income groups in the region. Expensive or complex pricing methods may not only unfairly burden transportation disadvantaged travelers and create barriers to entry for them but could also cause these groups to be punitively treated as violators due to their lack of access to the proper technologies... For example, paying tolls should allow those without access to traditional banking services to be able to use alternative payment methods, such as cash payment kiosks at local stores, or to preload a pass account at a retail location. (pg. 75-76)</li> <li>• Improve equity outcomes by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Reducing harm and increasing benefits if agencies are willing to focus engagement on historically impacted residents and other stakeholders traditionally at a disadvantage and ensure they have a role in decision making at every step in the process. (pg. 6)</li> <li>○ Committing to targeted investments of net toll revenues for locally supported improvements such as improved transit infrastructure and services and traffic safety improvements. (pg. 6)</li> <li>○ Exploring who pays and to what degree, and considering a suite of affordability programs such as rebates or exemptions for low-income drivers, a “transportation wallet”, or other investments that address affordability. (pg. 6)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The biggest determinant of whether a congestion pricing program improves equity is how the program is designed— who benefits, how people are charged, and how revenue from congestion pricing strategies is spent (pg. 7)</li> <li>• With substantial community input and collaboration with representatives of impacted communities, agencies should gain consensus on equity definitions and to establish the equitable direction for the project, program, or study. (pg. 9)</li> <li>• Roadway-focused spending disproportionately benefit white people and those that have more means. In the Portland Metro area, people of color are more likely to rely on transit, walking, and carpooling. Nearly 20% of African American households, 14% of Latino households, and 13% of Asian households live without a car (Source: Metro 2018 RTP). In addition, racial minorities are four times more likely than whites to rely on transit for their work commute. Low-income people, disabled people, and seniors are also much more likely</li> </ul>	<p>initiative undertaken by Metro and ClackCo?</p>

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			<p>to rely on transit. Government provision of free roads and auto infrastructure acts like a matching grant, whereby those that can afford to own and operate a car are given the benefit. Those that cannot afford auto ownership or that are unable to drive, do not receive the same benefit. Transportation investments that focus on transit, walking, and biking infrastructure, especially if targeted to areas with concentrations of transportation disadvantaged groups can improve equity. Figure 2 (below) demonstrates equity impacts of different investment strategies (pg. 15)</p>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Equity <input type="checkbox"/> Safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Climate <input type="checkbox"/> Mobility	<p><b>Climate Smart Strategy policies (3.2.3.2)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Policy 2.</b> Make transit convenient, frequent, accessible and affordable.</li> <li>• <b>Policy 5.</b> Use technology to actively manage the transportation system and ensure that new and emerging technology affecting the region’s transportation system supports shared trips and other Climate Smart Strategy policy and strategies.</li> <li>• <b>Policy 6.</b> Provide information and incentives to expand the use of travel options.</li> <li>• <b>Policy 7.</b> Make efficient use of vehicle parking spaces through parking management and reducing the amount of land dedicated to parking.</li> <li>• <b>Policy 9.</b> Secure adequate funding for transportation investments that support the RTP climate leadership goal and objectives.</li> </ul>	<p><b>RCPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The success of a specific project or program is largely based on how it is developed and implemented requiring detailed analysis, outreach, monitoring, and incorporation of best practices. (pg. 85)</li> <li>• ...projects and programs need to conduct detailed analysis to show how to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ maximize benefits (mobility, shift to transit, less emissions, better access to jobs and community places, affordability, and safety)</li> <li>○ address negative impacts (diversion and related congestion on nearby routes, slowing of buses, potential safety issues, costs to low-income travelers, and equity issues). (pg. 84)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Expert Review Panel</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build multimodal elements into program design. You can’t mitigate your way out of an inequitable program design.</li> <li>• Incentivize mode shift. All aspects should be part of this, including use of revenues. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Provide and fund alternatives to driving</li> <li>○ Commuter credits</li> <li>○ Use revenues to provide funds for transit passes</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Ideas for alternatives to driving and vehicle ownership that could be subsidized <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cash on transit card,</li> <li>○ EV carshare, including to affordable housing sites</li> <li>○ Transit passes</li> <li>○ Discounted rideshare rides</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The thing that really moves the needle on VMT reduction is auto ownership. How to encourage people to not need/want cars. Densify transit.</li> <li>• Subsidize the ongoing operation and maintenance of transit.</li> <li>• Small investments in striping bike lanes, pedestrian walkways, and similar things can help to solve the first/last mile between transit and key employment hubs.</li> </ul> <p><b>RCPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve equity outcomes by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Committing to targeted investments of net toll revenues for locally supported improvements such as improved transit infrastructure and services and traffic safety improvements. (pg. 6)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Consider Policy 1, Implement adopted local and regional land use plans.</b>  The housing crisis has demonstrated how interconnected our land use and transportation systems are. We shouldn’t be afraid to dialogue about how pricing fits within the landscape of needs to fund infrastructure in expansion areas or unlocking land for new jobs and housing.</p> <p><b>Consider Policy 3, Make biking and walking safe and convenient.</b>  We need complete routes for short-distance trips (modal shift feasibility).</p>

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<input type="checkbox"/> Equity <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Climate <input type="checkbox"/> Mobility	<p><b>Safety and Security Policies (3.2.1.4)</b></p> <p><b>Policy 4.</b> Increase safety for all modes of travel for all people through the planning, design, construction, operation and maintenance of the transportation system, with a focus on reducing vehicle speeds.</p>	<p><b>RCPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Build equity, safety, and affordability into the project definition so a holistic project that meets the need of the community is developed rather than adding “mitigations” later. (pg. 85)</li> </ul>	<p><b>RCPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Once indicators have been selected, agencies should conduct the necessary assessments to identify the extent to which the identified populations of concern are impacted by project or program alternatives. Special attention should be placed on travelers by geography, mode, and demographics of interest. (pg. 11)</li> <li>In depth analysis with modeling and mapping can show the geographies where benefits and impacts are likely to occur with a project. This analysis can help project implementers to understand where to focus investments (and outreach) and what types of investments make sense to improve equity. (pg. 12)</li> <li>Agencies and communities will need to strike a balance between affordability programs and the kinds of strategies that can best increase access to opportunity, mode shift, improve community health/safety, or other desirable outcomes. (pg. 12)</li> <li>...resources should be provided to lower income communities and neighborhoods that are in the vicinity of roadways being considered in pricing scenarios. Some potential resources for these communities should include introducing programs to dedicate pricing revenues to affordability programs for low-income auto-users, public transit improvements, and bicycle and pedestrian improvements in communities faced with heavy congestion and health disparities. (pg. 21)</li> </ul>	<p>Consider Safety Policy 3, Prioritize investments that benefit people with higher risk of being involved in a serious crash, including people of color, people with low incomes, people with disabilities, people walking, bicycling, and using motorcycles, people working in the right-of-way, youth and older adults. Consider 3.2.1.4 Safety and security policies, Policy 5, Make safety a key consideration in all transportation projects, and avoid replicating or exacerbating a known safety problem with any project or program. (3-9)</p> <p>Consider Policy 6, Employ a Safe System approach and use data and analysis tools and performance monitoring to support data-driven decision-making. This should inform our mitigation approach and mindset.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Equity <input type="checkbox"/> Safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Climate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mobility	<p><b>Transportation Demand Management Policies (3.11)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Policy 1</b> – Expand use of pricing strategies to manage travel demand on the transportation system in combination with adequate transit service options.</li> <li><b>Table 3.10</b> Examples of TSMO strategies and investments</li> </ul> <p>The policy further defines the suite of pricing strategies as involving “<i>the application of market pricing (through variable tolls, variable priced lanes, area-wide charges or cordon charges) to the use of roadways at different times of day...this strategy manages peak use on limited roadway infrastructure by providing an incentive for drivers to select other modes, routes, destinations or times of day for their travels. Reducing discretionary peak hour travel helps the system operate more efficiently improving mobility and reliability of the transportation system while limiting vehicle</i></p>	<p><b>RCPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Congestion pricing can be used to improve mobility and reduce emissions. This study demonstrated how these tools could work with the region’s land use and transportation system. (pg. 84)</li> <li>...projects and programs need to conduct detailed analysis to show how to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>maximize benefits (mobility, shift to transit, less emissions, better access to jobs and community places, affordability, and safety)</li> <li>address negative impacts (diversion and related congestion on nearby routes, slowing of buses, potential safety issues, costs to low-income travelers, and equity issues). (pg. 84)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Expert Review Panel</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Incentivize mode shift. All aspects should be part of this, including use of revenues. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide and fund alternatives to driving</li> <li>Commuter credits</li> <li>Use revenues to provide funds for transit passes</li> </ul> </li> <li>Ideas for alternatives to driving and vehicle ownership that could be subsidized <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cash on transit card,</li> <li>EV carshare, including to affordable housing sites</li> <li>Transit passes</li> <li>Discounted rideshare rides</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Consider updating Policy 1 to be “in combination with adequate <u>modal alternatives such as transit service options.</u>” Transit is ideal, but we can’t overlook bike and pedestrian modes as vehicular alternatives for short trips.</p>

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	<p><i>miles traveled and congestion-related auto emissions.....”</i></p> <p>The policy also discusses ODOT work on congestion pricing at the time of the 2018 RTP’s publication: <i>Through the end of 2018, ODOT conducted a feasibility analysis to explore the options available and determine how congestion (value) pricing could help ease congestion in the greater Portland area. Oregon’s House Bill 2017, also known as Keep Oregon Moving, directs the Oregon Transportation Commission to develop a proposal for value pricing on I-5 and I-205 from the state line to the junction of the two freeways just south of Tualatin, to reduce congestion. The State Legislature directed the OTC to seek approval from the Federal Highway Administration no later than December 31, 2018. If FHWA approves the proposal, the OTC is required to implement value pricing. See Chapter 8 for more information about future planning and analysis of this strategy.</i></p>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Equity <input type="checkbox"/> Safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Climate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mobility	<p><b>Regional Motor Vehicle Network Policies (3.5)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Policy 6</b> – In combination with increased transit service, consider use of value pricing to manage congestion and raise revenue when one or more lanes are being added to throughways.</li> <li>• <b>Policy 12</b> – Prior to adding new motor vehicle capacity beyond the planned system of motor vehicle through lanes, demonstrate that system and demand management strategies, including access management, transit and freight priority and value pricing, transit service and multimodal connectivity improvements cannot adequately address arterial or throughway deficiencies and bottlenecks.</li> <li>• <b>Table 3.7</b> Toolbox of strategies to address congestion in the region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Emerging: Congestion Pricing Strategies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Peak Period Pricing</li> <li>▪ Managed Lanes</li> <li>▪ High Occupancy Toll Lanes</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>RCPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All eight pricing scenarios reduced daily vehicle miles traveled. The VMT C scenario provided the greatest reduction (approximately 7.5%), while the Parking A scenario showed the smallest reduction (approximately 0.9%) (pg. 49)</li> <li>• Six of the eight pricing scenarios showed a decrease in total vehicle hours of delay (approximately 7% to 39%). The two Cordon scenarios showed increases (approximately 5% to 7%). While the two Roadway scenarios showed the greatest decrease in freeway vehicle hours of delay (approximately 35% to 38%), they both also showed an increase in arterial vehicle hours of delay (approximately 6% to 29%) (pg. 52)</li> </ul>	<p><b>RCPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leaders in the Metro region have long recognized the importance of pairing investments in transportation capacity building with travel demand management tools. The 2018 RTP identified congestion pricing as a high priority, high impact strategy (pg. 1)</li> <li>• Stockholm: The congestion pricing program has reduced traffic by 22% and greenhouse gas emissions by 14%. Program revenues have funded 18 new regional bus lines and 2,800 new regional park-and-ride spaces (pg. 82)</li> <li>• London: Prior to congestion pricing, traffic in central London averaged 2-5 mph. Since implementation, the average traffic speed has increased to 10 mph.17 London increased bus service in the pricing zone by 27%, improving transit reliability and travel times. As a result, bus ridership increased 38% in two years (pg. 82)</li> <li>• New York City: In 2019, New York City implemented a congestion zone surcharge on for-hire vehicles (like taxis, Uber and Lyft) in Manhattan as part of its phased approach to pricing. Future phases, planned for implementation in 2021, include a vehicle fee for crossing into a specified zone. Revenues collected from the program will be reinvested into capital transit projects, particularly in the city’s subway system. (pg. 82)</li> </ul>	<p>Consider Policy 2, Use the Congestion Management Process, Regional Mobility Policy, safety and bike and pedestrian network completion data to identify motor vehicle network deficiencies. Our approach to pricing must be sensitive to areas that do not have travel alternatives and how underdeveloped active transportation systems affect diversion.</p> <p>Consider Policy 3, Actively manage and optimize capacity on the region’s throughway network for longer, regional, statewide and interstate travel. This is fundamentally what demand pricing is doing – trying to optimize capacity on existing facilities.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Appendix L:</b> Federal performance-based planning and congestion management process documentation</li> </ul>			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Equity</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Safety</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Climate</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Mobility</b>	<b>Emerging Technology Policies (3.2.4.3)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Policy 3.</b> Use the best available data to empower travelers to make travel choices and to plan and manage the transportation system.</li> <li>• <b>Policy 4.</b> Advance the public interest by anticipating, learning from and adapting to new development in technology.</li> </ul>	<b>RCPS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordinate with other pricing programs, including analysis of cumulative impacts and consideration of shared payment technologies, to reduce user confusion and ensure success of a program. (pg. 85)</li> </ul>	<b>RCPS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Selection of particular technologies and methodologies for pricing should consider impacts on different demographic and income groups in the region. Expensive or complex pricing methods may not only unfairly burden transportation disadvantaged travelers and create barriers to entry for them but could also cause these groups to be punitively treated as violators due to their lack of access to the proper technologies... For example, paying tolls should allow those without access to traditional banking services to be able to use alternative payment methods, such as cash payment kiosks at local stores, or to preload a pass account at a retail location. (pg. 75-76)</li> <li>• Deploying existing technologies will likely be less expensive to implement and reduce scheduling risks compared to deploying emerging or in-development technologies. Implementing existing technologies does need to be weighed against the risk of the technology becoming obsolete in the near future or being vulnerable to future market disruptors. (pg. 75)</li> <li>• Keeping in mind coordination with other pricing programs will go a long way towards creating a more seamless customer experience for travelers. In particular, ODOT is planning to implement tolling on Interstates in the Portland region, so adopting common technologies and payment systems may be advantageous in order to reduce duplicative efforts and provide savings through economies of scale. (pg. 75)</li> </ul>	Consider Policy 2, Use emerging technology to improve transit service, provide shared travel options throughout the region and support transit, bicycling and walking. This is relevant to our diversion mitigation, as well as encouraging congestion pricing, as a nascent tool, to ensure adequate travel alternatives are in place before implementation.
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Equity</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Safety</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Climate</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Mobility</b>	Various mobility corridors identify congestion pricing for consideration.			

Additional thoughts from TPAC/MTAC Members:

See supplementary document.



Figure 1 Table from Page 8-9 of RCPS

**Table 2 Steps to Consider when Planning for Pricing**

TransForm's Pricing Roads, Advancing Equity Five Steps	NCHRP Tolling Assessment Steps	GARE Racial Equity Toolkit Steps & Questions	City of Portland Racial Equity Toolkit Worksheet Steps
1. Identify Who, What, and Where	1. Frame the Project 2. Identify the Applicable Requirements Governing Decisions 3. Recognize the Relevant Decision-Makers and Stakeholders	1. Proposal: What is the policy, program, practice, or budget decision under consideration? What are the desired results and outcomes? 2. Data: What's the data? What do the data tell us? 3. Community engagement: How have communities been engaged? Are there opportunities to expand engagement?	1. Set Equitable Outcomes 2. Collect and Analyze Data 3. Understand the Historical Context 4. Engage those most Impacted
2. Define Equity Outcome and Performance Indicators	4. Scope Approach to Measure and Address Impacts	See #1 "Proposal" above	See #1 "Set Equitable Outcomes" above
3. Determining Benefits and Burdens	5. Conduct Impact Analysis and Measurement	4. Analysis and strategies: Who will benefit from or be burdened by your proposal? What are your strategies for advancing racial equity or mitigating unintended consequences?	See #2 "Collect and Analyze Data" above
4. Choose Programs that Advance Transportation Equity	6. Identify and Assess Mitigation Strategies	See #4 "Analysis and Strategies" above	5. Develop Racially Equitable Strategies and Refine Outcomes 6. Implement Changes
5. Provide Accountable Feedback and Evaluation	7. Document Results for Decision Makers and the Public 8. Conduct Post-Implementation Monitoring	5. Accountability and communication: How will you ensure accountability, affordability, communicate, and evaluate results? 6. Implementation: What is your plan for implementation?	7. Evaluate/ Accountability/ Report Back

Figure 2 Table from Page 15 of RCPS

REVENUE INVESTMENT EQUITY MATRIX	
INVESTMENT STRATEGY	EQUITY IMPACTS
Road expansion	Does not add more affordable options.
Mix of road expansion and transit	Some drivers can shift to new, more affordable modes. Transit users also benefit.
Transit, walking, and bike infrastructure with targeted carpool, vanpool, and new mobility options where needed	Allows greater shift to more affordable and sustainable modes.
Transit, walking, and bike infrastructure with an <b>intensive focus on vulnerable communities</b>	Significant expansion of commute options and a reduction in user costs (if fares are reduced on transit and other mobility options).

Source: TransForm

**1. Are these the right policy areas to evaluate?**

These are an excellent start, but can we reorder the policies in the worksheet to correspond with the order in which they appear in the RTP?

Also, there’s a small typo in row two, column two. Regional Transportation Equity Policy 1 should read:

~~“Integrate~~ Embed ~~consideration~~ of equity into the planning implementation of transportation projects, programs, policies and strategies to comprehensively consider the benefits and impacts of transportation and eliminate disparities and barriers experienced by marginalized communities, particularly communities of color and people with low income.”

The corrected language provides a stronger foundation for equity and keeps consideration of neighbors experiencing economic hardship.

**2. Are we missing any important policy topics or gaps?**

<b>Consider evaluating:</b>	<b>Rationale:</b>
<p><b>Goal 1 Vibrant Communities (2-13)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Objective 1.4 Access to Community Places</b> - Increase the number and variety of community places that households, especially households in historically marginalized communities, can reach within a reasonable travel time for all modes of travel.</li> </ul>	<p>This objective is relevant to congestion pricing within the context of demand management, alternative availability, and the evaluation of diversion impacts. It could also be a performance measure consistent with RCPS.</p>
<p><b>Goal 2 Shared Prosperity (2-14)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Objective 2.3 Access to Jobs and Talent</b> – Attract new businesses and family-wage jobs and retain those that are already located in the region while increasing the number and variety of jobs that households can reach within a reasonable travel time.</li> </ul>	<p>Possible performance measure consistent with RCPS.</p>
<p><b>Goal 2 Shared Prosperity (2-14)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Objective 2.4 Transportation and Housing Affordability</b> – Reduce the share of income that households in the region spend on transportation to</li> </ul>	<p>This language appears to conflict with the concept of congestion pricing. Consider updating or clarifying objective.</p>

<p>lower overall household spending on transportation and housing.</p>	
<p><b>Goal 3: Transportation Choices (2-15)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Objective 3.1 Travel Choices</b> – Plan communities and design and manage the transportation system to increase the proportion of trips made by walking, bicycling, shared rides and use of transit, and reduce vehicle miles traveled.</li> </ul>	<p>Demand pricing is a form of system management. Pricing should therefore measurably advance Objective 3.1.</p> <p>If I’m not mistaken, the I-205 toll project was previously anticipated to only result in very small modal shift. I wonder if this objective could explore strategies for increasing voluntary mode shift among users.</p>
<p><b>Goal 4: Reliability and Efficiency (2-16)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Objective 4.3 Travel Information</b> – Increase the number of travelers, households and businesses with access to real-time comprehensive, integrated, and universally accessible travel information.</li> </ul>	<p>This might not be the correct place, but we should probably address how wayfinding platforms offer toll-free routes and the impact that this practice might have on diversion.</p>
<p><b>Goal 5: Safety and Security (2-17)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Objective 5.1 Transportation Safety</b> – Eliminate fatal and severe injury crashes for all modes of travel.</li> </ul>	<p>This relates back to short- and long-term diversion and our safe system approach. How do we factor user error into the design of pricing projects, diversion mitigation, and helping people adjust to new infrastructure?</p>
<p><b>Goal 9: Equitable Transportation (2-21)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Objective 9.1 Transportation Equity</b> – Eliminate disparities related to access, safety, affordability and health outcomes experienced by people of color and other historically marginalized communities.</li> <li>• <b>Objective 9.2 Barrier Free Transportation</b> – Eliminate barriers that people of color, low income people, youth, older adults, people with disabilities and other historically marginalized communities face to meeting their travel needs.</li> </ul>	<p>This may be an appropriate place to contemplate how pricing projects accommodate people who experience hardship. How do we price equitably? What does equitable tolling mean in this context? What if pricing is proposed in an area that is predominantly characterized by racial diverse communities or households experiencing economic hardship? What about unbanked populations and their barriers to using the system?</p>
<p><b>Goal 10: Fiscal Stewardship (2-22)</b></p>	<p>This language feels like a beautiful nexus for contemplating how pricing projects approach accountability, financial</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Objective 10.2 Sustainable Funding –</b> Develop new revenue sources to prepare for increased demand for travel on the transportation system as our region grows.</li> </ul>	<p>transparency, project longevity, and growth consistent with the 2040 Vision.</p>
<p><b>3.2.3.5 Transportation preparedness and resilience (3-32)</b></p> <p><b>Regional collaboration and disaster preparedness</b></p> <p>Optimize operations and maintenance practices that can help lessen impacts on transportation from extreme weather events and natural disasters. Examples include more frequent cleaning of storm drains, improved plans for weather emergencies, closures and rerouting, traveler information systems, debris removal, early warning systems, damage repairs and performance monitoring. (3-34)</p>	<p>This! This! This!</p> <p>Our pricing strategy must contemplate:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What happens if pricing infrastructure (e.g., toll gantries, parking meters) must be serviced?</li> <li>2. What if we experience severe weather, and priced infrastructure is the safest route/directed detour/evacuation line? How do we communicate relevant information to the public? Will operators exempt users from the fee?</li> <li>3. How do we protect priced infrastructure from weather anomalies or security threats?</li> </ol>
	<p>I'm not sure where else to stick this in, but project analyses will compare current system conditions to priced-infrastructure in a future year. This type of assessment is challenging because data does not account for the deficiencies of the current system, like the absence of transit or years of underinvestment in a geographic area. How do we remain sensitive to this nuance?</p>
	<p>Please clarify how the development and substance of Metro's Congestion Pricing Policy will crosswalk with the development and substance of ODOT's Oregon Highway Plan toll policy update.</p>

**3. What specific policy language would you want to see to update the existing language or address gaps?**

The RTP should set policy for elements such as an equity framework, programs for residents experiencing economic hardship, policies for analyzing diversion, adequate transit service, infrastructure for carpooling and vanpooling, and safe and connected bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.

In terms of application, I'd suggest the congestion pricing policy:



1. Be re-worded to “Demand Pricing Policy,” because ultimately, that’s what we’re trying to impact.
  2. Should be adaptable to many contexts including but not limited to:
    - a. Future riverway travel
    - b. Local airspace travel (e.g., drone deliveries)
    - c. Site-specific pricing (e.g., Multnomah Falls)
  3. Should be adaptable to all levels of government.
  4. Address goals for both demand management *and* transportation system improvements.
- 4. How do we balance the need to respond to and help shape existing projects while at the same time, providing a broad blueprint on pricing that can address future projects that may take different approaches to applying pricing to our system?**

Lead with values and outcomes, then empower partners to innovate. This could mean:

1. Allowing project implementers to submit alternative performance measure tools, within reason, to demonstrate how an innovative idea supports desired outcomes.
  2. Avoiding mode-specific language when describing tools and their applications. Using broader language allows us to be more inclusive of diverse settings and contexts.
- 5. Do we still primarily want pricing to be used to manage congestion and encourage mode shift, or are there other goals and objectives that the RTP should be placing more emphasis on in relation to pricing?**

The current language is too limiting within the spectrum of tools at our disposal and the presence of programs geared more toward infrastructure improvements. I suggest we update our goals to be “demand management” and “system completeness”.

“Demand management” language is more inclusive of tools like parking programs and non-roadway settings such as waterways and local airspace (e.g., drone deliveries). Using demand management language also creates a nexus to policies already in the RTP.

“System completeness” language recognizes the infrastructure focus of Section 129 tolling. It also opens the door in the future for willing jurisdictions to explore pricing programs as a tool to proactively fund corridor-level improvements in lieu of piecemeal enhancements driven by development.

Below are some possible objectives for thought, but I’m not hooked into the language.

**Goal 1: Demand Management**

- Objective: Decrease volume of single-occupant trips (demand shifts)
- Objective: Redistribute demand peaks (temporal shifts)
- Objective: Redistribute mode share (modal shifts)

**Goal 2: System Completion**

Objective: Complete a system gap

*E.g., gap in a regional active transportation network or the provision of transportation infrastructure to an urban growth expansion area.*

Objective: Correct a system deficiency

*E.g., Facility rehabilitation or safety improvements along a high crash corridor.*

Objective: Enhance a facility to prioritize modal alternatives

*E.g., Enhanced bus stops, transit signal priority, rose lanes, cycle tracks*

6. Should the existing definition of congestion pricing in the 2018 RTP (Transportation Demand Management Policies (3.11)) remain, or be replaced/updated, and whether this definition or another, is this is the right place for pricing to be defined?

#### Definition

Consider updating the current definition for increased flexibility, in recognition of emerging tools and contexts. I'm not hooked into particular language, but food for thought:

“Congestion pricing—sometimes called value pricing —involves the application of market pricing (~~such as through~~ variable tolls, variable priced lanes, area-wide charges or cordon charges) to the use of ~~roadways~~ travel spaces at different times of day. While this tool has been successfully applied in other parts of the U.S. and internationally, it has not been applied in the Portland metropolitan region to date.”

Why: “Such as” language creates space for new tools to emerge. Removing modally specific language, such as “roadways”, creates space to apply demand pricing to a variety of travel contexts. In the future, it may be reasonable to consider demand pricing for emerging travel spaces, like waterways and local airspace.

#### Placement

I concur that section 3.11 is an appropriate place to house congestion pricing. It's a manifestation of demand management that can be applied to more than one modal network.

7. Can or should there be a more consistent way for mobility corridors to include consideration of pricing, and can or should there be additional considerations in Chapter 8 beyond whatever pricing language ends up within other chapters or sections of the RTP?

Mobility corridors may involve more than one jurisdiction, jurisdictions may lack staff support, and demand pricing is one of many tools. I think Metro could have a strategic role in:

1. Providing continuity for system users. The transportation system should be easy to use and easy to understand. E.g., standardized signage, point of payment, etc.
2. Providing technical analysis to support local pricing conversations.

3. Facilitating conversations between willing jurisdictions, because one mobility corridor may involve multiple jurisdictions.

TPAC and MTAC Feedback

# Multnomah County

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# Attachment 1 - Metro Regional Transportation Plan – Congestion Pricing Policy Overview April 2022 – For TPAC/MTAC Feedback

This document provides an overview of existing policies from the 2018 RTP that are relevant to congestion pricing, along with related findings and recommendations from Metro’s Regional Congestion Pricing Study (RCPS), as well as supportive language from the RCPS and the Expert Review Panel that was convened in April 2021 to review the RCPS. The first column in the table below identifies which one or more of the four RTP priorities (Equity, Safety, Climate, Mobility) relate to each policy.

**Feedback is requested by May 4, 2022.** Please send to [alex.oreschak@oregonmetro.gov](mailto:alex.oreschak@oregonmetro.gov). There is space within this document to provide feedback on each 2018 RTP element, or to provide general thoughts at the bottom of the table. If easier, sending an email with comments in the email body or as a separate attachment is also acceptable.

Additionally, below are questions that Metro staff asked TPAC and MTAC at the April 20, 2022 workshop to consider as they review this information:

- Are these the right policy areas to evaluate?
- Are we missing any important policy topics or gaps?
- What specific policy language would you want to see to update the existing language or address gaps?
- How do we balance the need to respond to and help shape existing projects while at the same time, providing a broad blueprint on pricing that can address future projects that may take different approaches to applying pricing to our system?
- Do we still primarily want pricing to be used to manage congestion and encourage mode shift, or are there other goals and objectives that the RTP should be placing more emphasis on in relation to pricing?
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## Multico Comments

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<input type="checkbox"/> Equity <input type="checkbox"/> Safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Climate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mobility	<b>Goal 4: Reliability and Efficiency (2-16)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Objective 4.6 Pricing</b> – Expand the use of pricing strategies to manage vehicle congestion and encourage shared trips and use of transit.</li> </ul>	<b>RCPS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Define clear goals and outcomes from the beginning of a pricing program. The program priorities such as mobility, revenues, or equity should inform the program design and implementation strategies. Optimizing for one priority over another can lead to different outcomes. (pg. 84)</li> </ul>	<b>Expert Review Panel</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revenue reinvestment is single most important factor, but pricing is an expensive and difficult way to raise revenue. Pricing should be done for other goals, like congestion and reducing GHG emissions.</li> </ul> <b>RCPS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ...identify and commit to equity indicators to assess the benefits and burdens of pricing. Measurable indicators can and should be established for both outcome equity (such as affordability, access to opportunity, community health) and process equity (community engagement) indicators. (pg. 9-10)</li> </ul>	This objective should emphasize pricing strategies as a means of reducing VMT and inducing mode shift to more equitable, safer, and healthier transit and active transportation options.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Equity <input type="checkbox"/> Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Climate <input type="checkbox"/> Mobility	<b>Regional Transportation Equity Policies (3-18)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Policy 1:</b> Integrate consideration of equity into the planning implementation of transportation projects, programs, policies and strategies to comprehensively consider the benefits and impacts of transportation and eliminate disparities and barriers experienced by marginalized communities, particularly communities of color.</li> <li>• <b>Policy 2.</b> Ensure investments in the transportation system anticipate and minimize the effects of displacement and other affordability impacts on historically marginalized communities, with a focus on communities of color and people with low income.</li> </ul>	<b>RCPS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Congestion pricing can benefit communities that have been harmed in the past, providing meaningful equity benefits to the region. However, if not done thoughtfully, congestion pricing could harm BIPOC and low-income communities, compounding past injustices. (pg. 85)</li> <li>• Conduct meaningful engagement and an extensive outreach campaign, including with those who would be most impacted by congestion pricing, to develop a project that works and will gain public and political acceptance. (pg. 85)</li> <li>• Recognize that benefits and impacts of pricing programs will vary across geographies. These variations should inform decisions about where a program should target investments and affordability strategies and in depth outreach. (pg. 84)</li> </ul>	<b>Expert Review Panel</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-creation process partnering with community-based organizations. Focus on organizations that represent region’s low income and BIPOC communities               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Compensate people who are a part of this process.</li> <li>○ Participants should help shape goals and performance metrics, what defines success, help shape policy options, how they would make tradeoffs, help prioritize use of revenues</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Look at outcomes – who pays and what is the distribution of benefits – make sure that providing a disproportionate benefit to most vulnerable communities.</li> <li>• Understand and consider ability to pay as part of the structure – progressive fee structure.</li> <li>• Study people who are spending over 50% of their income on housing.</li> <li>• Use of revenues – focus on improving access and options to the area that is congested/priced, especially improving options for those places that do not have great options today.</li> </ul>	Displaced populations in East County have less access to transit, safe active transportation, and jobs. In some locations across the region it is unviable to not have access to a car for reliable and safe access to job and community places. Affordability should be considered as well as investments in transit and active transportation to give more viable options to these areas even if not seeing a direct impact of diversion or identified as a mitigation project. Ability to target pricing revenues for reinvestment in equitable transportation improvements needs to be addressed.  System completeness measures being included in the Regional Mobility

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Policy 4.</b> Use inclusive decision-making processes that provide meaningful opportunities for communities of color, people with low income and other historically marginalized communities to engage and participate in the development and implementation of transportation plans, projects and programs.</li> <li>• <b>Policy 6.</b> Evaluate transportation plans, policies, programs and investments to understand how they address transportation-related disparities and barriers experienced by communities of color, people with low-income and other historically marginalized communities and the extent the disparities are being eliminated.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carefully consider how the benefits and costs of congestion pricing impact different geographic and demographic groups. In particular, projects and programs need to conduct detailed analysis to show how to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ maximize benefits (mobility, shift to transit, less emissions, better access to jobs and community places, affordability, and safety)</li> <li>○ address negative impacts (diversion and related congestion on nearby routes, slowing of buses, potential safety issues, costs to low-income travelers, and equity issues). (pg. 84)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure that revenues are being used to support the desired costs and benefits</li> </ul> <p><b>RCPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See table in Figure 1</li> <li>• Selection of particular technologies and methodologies for pricing should consider impacts on different demographic and income groups in the region. Expensive or complex pricing methods may not only unfairly burden transportation disadvantaged travelers and create barriers to entry for them but could also cause these groups to be punitively treated as violators due to their lack of access to the proper technologies... For example, paying tolls should allow those without access to traditional banking services to be able to use alternative payment methods, such as cash payment kiosks at local stores, or to preload a pass account at a retail location. (pg. 75-76)</li> <li>• Improve equity outcomes by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Reducing harm and increasing benefits if agencies are willing to focus engagement on historically impacted residents and other stakeholders traditionally at a disadvantage and ensure they have a role in decision making at every step in the process. (pg. 6)</li> <li>○ Committing to targeted investments of net toll revenues for locally supported improvements such as improved transit infrastructure and services and traffic safety improvements. (pg. 6)</li> <li>○ Exploring who pays and to what degree, and considering a suite of affordability programs such as rebates or exemptions for low-income drivers, a “transportation wallet”, or other investments that address affordability. (pg. 6)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The biggest determinant of whether a congestion pricing program improves equity is how the program is designed— who benefits, how people are charged, and how revenue from congestion pricing strategies is spent (pg. 7)</li> <li>• With substantial community input and collaboration with representatives of impacted communities, agencies should gain consensus on equity definitions and to establish the equitable direction for the project, program, or study. (pg. 9)</li> <li>• Roadway-focused spending disproportionately benefit white people and those that have more means. In the Portland Metro area, people of color are more likely to rely on transit, walking, and carpooling. Nearly 20% of African American households, 14% of Latino households, and 13% of Asian households live without a car (Source: Metro 2018 RTP). In addition, racial minorities are four times more likely than whites to rely on transit for their work commute. Low-income people, disabled people, and seniors are also much more likely to rely on transit. Government provision of free roads and auto infrastructure acts like a matching grant, whereby those that can afford to own and operate a car are given the benefit.</li> </ul>	<p>Policy should also be a consideration of equitable implementation of pricing policies.</p> <p>Disparate impact analysis as described in the RCPS bullet and application of Policy 4 for inclusive decision-making should be part of the planning process for pricing programs.</p> <p>Pricing policies should define essential components that a pricing project must include to address equity.</p>

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			<p>Those that cannot afford auto ownership or that are unable to drive, do not receive the same benefit. Transportation investments that focus on transit, walking, and biking infrastructure, especially if targeted to areas with concentrations of transportation disadvantaged groups can improve equity. Figure 2 (below) demonstrates equity impacts of different investment strategies (pg. 15)</p>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Equity <input type="checkbox"/> Safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Climate <input type="checkbox"/> Mobility	<p><b>Climate Smart Strategy policies (3.2.3.2)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Policy 2.</b> Make transit convenient, frequent, accessible and affordable.</li> <li>• <b>Policy 5.</b> Use technology to actively manage the transportation system and ensure that new and emerging technology affecting the region’s transportation system supports shared trips and other Climate Smart Strategy policy and strategies.</li> <li>• <b>Policy 6.</b> Provide information and incentives to expand the use of travel options.</li> <li>• <b>Policy 7.</b> Make efficient use of vehicle parking spaces through parking management and reducing the amount of land dedicated to parking.</li> <li>• <b>Policy 9.</b> Secure adequate funding for transportation investments that support the RTP climate leadership goal and objectives.</li> </ul>	<p><b>RCPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The success of a specific project or program is largely based on how it is developed and implemented requiring detailed analysis, outreach, monitoring, and incorporation of best practices. (pg. 85)</li> <li>• ...projects and programs need to conduct detailed analysis to show how to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ maximize benefits (mobility, shift to transit, less emissions, better access to jobs and community places, affordability, and safety)</li> <li>○ address negative impacts (diversion and related congestion on nearby routes, slowing of buses, potential safety issues, costs to low-income travelers, and equity issues). (pg. 84)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Expert Review Panel</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build multimodal elements into program design. You can’t mitigate your way out of an inequitable program design.</li> <li>• Incentivize mode shift. All aspects should be part of this, including use of revenues. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Provide and fund alternatives to driving</li> <li>○ Commuter credits</li> <li>○ Use revenues to provide funds for transit passes</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Ideas for alternatives to driving and vehicle ownership that could be subsidized <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cash on transit card,</li> <li>○ EV carshare, including to affordable housing sites</li> <li>○ Transit passes</li> <li>○ Discounted rideshare rides</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The thing that really moves the needle on VMT reduction is auto ownership. How to encourage people to not need/want cars. Densify transit.</li> <li>• Subsidize the ongoing operation and maintenance of transit.</li> <li>• Small investments in striping bike lanes, pedestrian walkways, and similar things can help to solve the first/last mile between transit and key employment hubs.</li> </ul> <p><b>RCPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve equity outcomes by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Committing to targeted investments of net toll revenues for locally supported improvements such as improved transit infrastructure and services and traffic safety improvements. (pg. 6)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Analysis of VMT/capita reduction (perhaps setting targets for pricing programs) and emissions/air quality reductions should be included.</p> <p>Evaluate environmental justice impacts including sub regional air quality modeling and health impact assessments.</p> <p>Congestion pricing should be linked to climate strategies for increasing transit and active transportation availability and use.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Equity <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Climate <input type="checkbox"/> Mobility	<p><b>Safety and Security Policies (3.2.1.4)</b></p> <p><b>Policy 4.</b> Increase safety for all modes of travel for all people through the planning, design, construction, operation and maintenance of the transportation system, with a focus on reducing vehicle speeds.</p>	<p><b>RCPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build equity, safety, and affordability into the project definition so a holistic project that meets the need of the community is developed rather than adding “mitigations” later. (pg. 85)</li> </ul>	<p><b>RCPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Once indicators have been selected, agencies should conduct the necessary assessments to identify the extent to which the identified populations of concern are impacted by project or program alternatives. Special attention should be placed on travelers by geography, mode, and demographics of interest. (pg. 11)</li> <li>• In depth analysis with modeling and mapping can show the geographies where benefits and impacts are likely to occur with a project. This analysis can help project implementers to understand where to focus investments (and outreach) and what types of investments make sense to improve equity. (pg. 12)</li> </ul>	<p>Mode shift to transit and active transportation can increase safety and should be a criterion of a pricing program. Focused investment of pricing revenue in safety improvements including completing bike and pedestrian networks, targeting equity focus communities.</p>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agencies and communities will need to strike a balance between affordability programs and the kinds of strategies that can best increase access to opportunity, mode shift, improve community health/safety, or other desirable outcomes. (pg. 12)</li> <li>...resources should be provided to lower income communities and neighborhoods that are in the vicinity of roadways being considered in pricing scenarios. Some potential resources for these communities should include introducing programs to dedicate pricing revenues to affordability programs for low-income auto-users, public transit improvements, and bicycle and pedestrian improvements in communities faced with heavy congestion and health disparities. (pg. 21)</li> </ul>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Equity <input type="checkbox"/> Safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Climate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mobility	<p><b>Transportation Demand Management Policies (3.11)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Policy 1</b> – Expand use of pricing strategies to manage travel demand on the transportation system in combination with adequate transit service options.</li> <li><b>Table 3.10</b> Examples of TSMO strategies and investments</li> </ul> <p>The policy further defines the suite of pricing strategies as involving “<i>the application of market pricing (through variable tolls, variable priced lanes, area-wide charges or cordon charges) to the use of roadways at different times of day...this strategy manages peak use on limited roadway infrastructure by providing an incentive for drivers to select other modes, routes, destinations or times of day for their travels. Reducing discretionary peak hour travel helps the system operate more efficiently improving mobility and reliability of the transportation system while limiting vehicle miles traveled and congestion-related auto emissions.....</i>”</p> <p>The policy also discusses ODOT work on congestion pricing at the time of the 2018 RTP’s publication: <i>Through the end of 2018, ODOT conducted a feasibility analysis to explore the options available and determine how congestion (value) pricing could help ease congestion in the greater Portland area. Oregon’s House Bill 2017, also known as Keep Oregon Moving, directs the Oregon Transportation Commission to develop a</i></p>	<p><b>RCPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Congestion pricing can be used to improve mobility and reduce emissions. This study demonstrated how these tools could work with the region’s land use and transportation system. (pg. 84)</li> <li>...projects and programs need to conduct detailed analysis to show how to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>maximize benefits (mobility, shift to transit, less emissions, better access to jobs and community places, affordability, and safety)</li> <li>address negative impacts (diversion and related congestion on nearby routes, slowing of buses, potential safety issues, costs to low-income travelers, and equity issues). (pg. 84)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Expert Review Panel</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Incentivize mode shift. All aspects should be part of this, including use of revenues. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide and fund alternatives to driving</li> <li>Commuter credits</li> <li>Use revenues to provide funds for transit passes</li> </ul> </li> <li>Ideas for alternatives to driving and vehicle ownership that could be subsidized <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cash on transit card,</li> <li>EV carshare, including to affordable housing sites</li> <li>Transit passes</li> <li>Discounted rideshare rides</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>The RCPS language to improve mobility and reduce emissions should be included in these policies.</p> <p>Are we considering parking pricing strategies or road user/VMT charges in the definition as well?</p> <p>Should the policies or definition in this section also consider the use of pricing revenues in demand management?</p> <p>The definition should refer to equitable application of pricing.</p>

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	<p>proposal for value pricing on I-5 and I-205 from the state line to the junction of the two freeways just south of Tualatin, to reduce congestion. The State Legislature directed the OTC to seek approval from the Federal Highway Administration no later than December 31, 2018. If FHWA approves the proposal, the OTC is required to implement value pricing. See Chapter 8 for more information about future planning and analysis of this strategy.</p>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Equity <input type="checkbox"/> Safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Climate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mobility	<p><b>Regional Motor Vehicle Network Policies (3.5)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Policy 6</b> – In combination with increased transit service, consider use of value pricing to manage congestion and raise revenue when one or more lanes are being added to throughways.</li> <li>• <b>Policy 12</b> – Prior to adding new motor vehicle capacity beyond the planned system of motor vehicle through lanes, demonstrate that system and demand management strategies, including access management, transit and freight priority and value pricing, transit service and multimodal connectivity improvements cannot adequately address arterial or throughway deficiencies and bottlenecks.</li> <li>• <b>Table 3.7</b> Toolbox of strategies to address congestion in the region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Emerging: Congestion Pricing Strategies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Peak Period Pricing</li> <li>▪ Managed Lanes</li> <li>▪ High Occupancy Toll Lanes</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Appendix L:</b> Federal performance-based planning and congestion management process documentation</li> </ul>	<p><b>RCPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All eight pricing scenarios reduced daily vehicle miles traveled. The VMT C scenario provided the greatest reduction (approximately 7.5%), while the Parking A scenario showed the smallest reduction (approximately 0.9%) (pg. 49)</li> <li>• Six of the eight pricing scenarios showed a decrease in total vehicle hours of delay (approximately 7% to 39%). The two Cordon scenarios showed increases (approximately 5% to 7%). While the two Roadway scenarios showed the greatest decrease in freeway vehicle hours of delay (approximately 35% to 38%), they both also showed an increase in arterial vehicle hours of delay (approximately 6% to 29%) (pg. 52)</li> </ul>	<p><b>RCPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leaders in the Metro region have long recognized the importance of pairing investments in transportation capacity building with travel demand management tools. The 2018 RTP identified congestion pricing as a high priority, high impact strategy (pg. 1)</li> <li>• Stockholm: The congestion pricing program has reduced traffic by 22% and greenhouse gas emissions by 14%. Program revenues have funded 18 new regional bus lines and 2,800 new regional park-and-ride spaces (pg. 82)</li> <li>• London: Prior to congestion pricing, traffic in central London averaged 2-5 mph. Since implementation, the average traffic speed has increased to 10 mph.17 London increased bus service in the pricing zone by 27%, improving transit reliability and travel times. As a result, bus ridership increased 38% in two years (pg. 82)</li> <li>• New York City: In 2019, New York City implemented a congestion zone surcharge on for-hire vehicles (like taxis, Uber and Lyft) in Manhattan as part of its phased approach to pricing. Future phases, planned for implementation in 2021, include a vehicle fee for crossing into a specified zone. Revenues collected from the program will be reinvested into capital transit projects, particularly in the city’s subway system. (pg. 82)</li> </ul>	<p>Policy 6 mentions using value pricing to raise revenue when one or more lanes are being added to throughways. This doesn’t seem to align completely with Policy 12 that directs demand management strategies including value pricing to be evaluated before adding capacity. We should clarify the order and criteria for when pricing should be evaluated as an option in the region, e.g. should it first be evaluated as a TDM strategy and only considered for revenue generation to pay for expansion as a secondary benefit? Or are there cases where Section 129 tolling projects or other requirements for raising revenue would be the primary purpose?</p>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Equity <input type="checkbox"/> Safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Climate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mobility	<p><b>Emerging Technology Policies (3.2.4.3)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Policy 3.</b> Use the best available data to empower travelers to make travel choices and to plan and manage the transportation system.</li> <li>• <b>Policy 4.</b> Advance the public interest by anticipating, learning from and adapting to new development in technology.</li> </ul>	<p><b>RCPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordinate with other pricing programs, including analysis of cumulative impacts and consideration of shared payment technologies, to reduce user confusion and ensure success of a program. (pg. 85)</li> </ul>	<p><b>RCPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Selection of particular technologies and methodologies for pricing should consider impacts on different demographic and income groups in the region. Expensive or complex pricing methods may not only unfairly burden transportation disadvantaged travelers and create barriers to entry for them but could also cause these groups to be punitively treated as violators due to their lack of access to the proper technologies... For example, paying tolls should allow those without access to traditional banking services to be able to use</li> </ul>	<p>A policy for interoperability and regional coordination related to pricing technology should be added. It should emphasize the need to analyze and address disparate impacts to disadvantaged travelers.</p>

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			<p>alternative payment methods, such as cash payment kiosks at local stores, or to preload a pass account at a retail location. (pg. 75-76)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deploying existing technologies will likely be less expensive to implement and reduce scheduling risks compared to deploying emerging or in-development technologies. Implementing existing technologies does need to be weighed against the risk of the technology becoming obsolete in the near future or being vulnerable to future market disruptors. (pg. 75)</li> <li>Keeping in mind coordination with other pricing programs will go a long way towards creating a more seamless customer experience for travelers. In particular, ODOT is planning to implement tolling on Interstates in the Portland region, so adopting common technologies and payment systems may be advantageous in order to reduce duplicative efforts and provide savings through economies of scale. (pg. 75)</li> </ul>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Equity <input type="checkbox"/> Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Climate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mobility	Various mobility corridors identify congestion pricing for consideration.			

Additional thoughts from TPAC/MTAC Members:

- *Are these the right policy areas to evaluate?*  
Yes
- *Are we missing any important policy topics or gaps?*  
The following objectives are also relevant to the congestion pricing policy conversation:  
Objective 10.2 Sustainable Funding – Develop new revenue sources to prepare for increased demand for travel on the transportation system as our region grows.  
Objective 11.3 Coordination and Cooperation – Improve coordination and cooperation among the owners and operators of the region’s transportation system.
- *What specific policy language would you want to see to update the existing language or address gaps?*  
Nothing specific at this stage.
- *How do we balance the need to respond to and help shape existing projects while at the same time, providing a broad blueprint on pricing that can address future projects that may take different approaches to applying pricing to our system?*  
Coordination on planning process and analysis requirements (e.g. the RCPS bullet above “projects and programs need to conduct detailed analysis to show how to...”). Consider system as a whole and develop long-term strategy or criteria for where else pricing could make sense. Collaboratively set priorities for reinvestment.
- *Do we still primarily want pricing to be used to manage congestion and encourage mode shift, or are there other goals and objectives that the RTP should be placing more emphasis on in relation to pricing?*  
Yes, mode shift is important to equity, safety, and climate goals. However, as we look for more equitable means of financing our transportation system, we should consider how congestion pricing can serve that purpose and how we could remove restrictions on what pricing revenue is used on. If the revenue could be a broad source of funding for transit and active transportation improvements to help us improve transportation equity and meet other goals such as climate, resiliency, and safety then perhaps revenue generation could also be a primary objective.
- *Should the existing definition of congestion pricing in the 2018 RTP (Transportation Demand Management Policies (3.11)) remain, or be replaced/updated, and whether this definition or another, is this is the right place for pricing to be defined?*  
It would be good to have a discussion around the existing definition and if it is broad enough to encompass different applications in the future. For instance, it could incorporate some of the considerations for equitable mobility that Portland has worked on. Congestion pricing should not be solely found in the TDM section as it has implications for other sections as the crosswalk above shows. It may be useful to have a new section that focuses on congestion pricing while also integrating it into the other policy areas.

- *Can or should there be a more consistent way for mobility corridors to include consideration of pricing, and can or should there be additional considerations in Chapter 8 beyond whatever pricing language ends up within other chapters or sections of the RTP?*

A set of criteria to determine if a corridor may be a good candidate for congestion pricing might be helpful to include. Use Regional motor vehicle network Policy 12 to evaluate whether pricing can alleviate the need for capacity expansion as a first step.



Figure 1 Table from Page 8-9 of RCPS

**Table 2 Steps to Consider when Planning for Pricing**

TransForm's Pricing Roads, Advancing Equity Five Steps	NCHRP Tolling Assessment Steps	GARE Racial Equity Toolkit Steps & Questions	City of Portland Racial Equity Toolkit Worksheet Steps
1. Identify Who, What, and Where	1. Frame the Project 2. Identify the Applicable Requirements Governing Decisions 3. Recognize the Relevant Decision-Makers and Stakeholders	1. Proposal: What is the policy, program, practice, or budget decision under consideration? What are the desired results and outcomes? 2. Data: What's the data? What do the data tell us? 3. Community engagement: How have communities been engaged? Are there opportunities to expand engagement?	1. Set Equitable Outcomes 2. Collect and Analyze Data 3. Understand the Historical Context 4. Engage those most Impacted
2. Define Equity Outcome and Performance Indicators	4. Scope Approach to Measure and Address Impacts	See #1 "Proposal" above	See #1 "Set Equitable Outcomes" above
3. Determining Benefits and Burdens	5. Conduct Impact Analysis and Measurement	4. Analysis and strategies: Who will benefit from or be burdened by your proposal? What are your strategies for advancing racial equity or mitigating unintended consequences?	See #2 "Collect and Analyze Data" above
4. Choose Programs that Advance Transportation Equity	6. Identify and Assess Mitigation Strategies	See #4 "Analysis and Strategies" above	5. Develop Racially Equitable Strategies and Refine Outcomes 6. Implement Changes
5. Provide Accountable Feedback and Evaluation	7. Document Results for Decision Makers and the Public 8. Conduct Post-Implementation Monitoring	5. Accountability and communication: How will you ensure accountability, affordability, communicate, and evaluate results? 6. Implementation: What is your plan for implementation?	7. Evaluate/ Accountability/ Report Back

Figure 2 Table from Page 15 of RCPS

REVENUE INVESTMENT EQUITY MATRIX	
INVESTMENT STRATEGY	EQUITY IMPACTS
Road expansion	Does not add more affordable options.
Mix of road expansion and transit	Some drivers can shift to new, more affordable modes. Transit users also benefit.
Transit, walking, and bike infrastructure with targeted carpool, vanpool, and new mobility options where needed	Allows greater shift to more affordable and sustainable modes.
Transit, walking, and bike infrastructure with an <b>intensive focus on vulnerable communities</b>	Significant expansion of commute options and a reduction in user costs (if fares are reduced on transit and other mobility options).

Source: TransForm

TPAC and MTAC Feedback

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# Attachment 1 - Metro Regional Transportation Plan – Congestion Pricing Policy Overview April 2022 – For TPAC/MTAC Feedback

This document provides an overview of existing policies from the 2018 RTP that are relevant to congestion pricing, along with related findings and recommendations from Metro’s Regional Congestion Pricing Study (RCPS), as well as supportive language from the RCPS and the Expert Review Panel that was convened in April 2021 to review the RCPS. The first column in the table below identifies which one or more of the four RTP priorities (Equity, Safety, Climate, Mobility) relate to each policy.

**Feedback is requested by May 4, 2022.** Please send to [alex.oreschak@oregonmetro.gov](mailto:alex.oreschak@oregonmetro.gov). There is space within this document to provide feedback on each 2018 RTP element, or to provide general thoughts at the bottom of the table. If easier, sending an email with comments in the email body or as a separate attachment is also acceptable.

Additionally, below are questions that Metro staff asked TPAC and MTAC at the April 20, 2022 workshop to consider as they review this information:

- Are these the right policy areas to evaluate?
- Are we missing any important policy topics or gaps?
- What specific policy language would you want to see to update the existing language or address gaps?
- How do we balance the need to respond to and help shape existing projects while at the same time, providing a broad blueprint on pricing that can address future projects that may take different approaches to applying pricing to our system?
- Do we still primarily want pricing to be used to manage congestion and encourage mode shift, or are there other goals and objectives that the RTP should be placing more emphasis on in relation to pricing?
- Should the existing definition of congestion pricing in the 2018 RTP (Transportation Demand Management Policies (3.11)) remain, or be replaced/updated, and whether this definition or another, is this is the right place for pricing to be defined?
- Can or should there be a more consistent way for mobility corridors to include consideration of pricing, and can or should there be additional considerations in Chapter 8 beyond whatever pricing language ends up within other chapters or sections of the RTP?

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<input type="checkbox"/> Equity <input type="checkbox"/> Safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Climate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mobility	<b>Goal 4: Reliability and Efficiency (2-16)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Objective 4.6 Pricing</b> – Expand the use of pricing strategies to manage vehicle congestion and encourage shared trips and use of transit.</li> </ul>	<b>RCPS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Define clear goals and outcomes from the beginning of a pricing program. The program priorities such as mobility, revenues, or equity should inform the program design and implementation strategies. Optimizing for one priority over another can lead to different outcomes. (pg. 84)</li> </ul>	<b>Expert Review Panel</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revenue reinvestment is single most important factor, but pricing is an expensive and difficult way to raise revenue. Pricing should be done for other goals, like congestion and reducing GHG emissions.</li> </ul> <b>RCPS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ...identify and commit to equity indicators to assess the benefits and burdens of pricing. Measurable indicators can and should be established for both outcome equity (such as affordability, access to opportunity, community health) and process equity (community engagement) indicators. (pg. 9-10)</li> </ul>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Equity <input type="checkbox"/> Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Climate <input type="checkbox"/> Mobility	<b>Regional Transportation Equity Policies (3-18)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Policy 1:</b> Integrate consideration of equity into the planning implementation of transportation projects, programs, policies and strategies to comprehensively consider the benefits and impacts of transportation and eliminate disparities and barriers experienced by marginalized communities, particularly communities of color.</li> <li>• <b>Policy 2.</b> Ensure investments in the transportation system anticipate and minimize the effects of displacement and other affordability impacts on historically marginalized communities,</li> </ul>	<b>RCPS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Congestion pricing can benefit communities that have been harmed in the past, providing meaningful equity benefits to the region. However, if not done thoughtfully, congestion pricing could harm BIPOC and low-income communities, compounding past injustices. (pg. 85)</li> <li>• Conduct meaningful engagement and an extensive outreach campaign, including with those who would be most impacted by congestion pricing, to develop a project that works and will gain public and political acceptance. (pg. 85)</li> <li>• Recognize that benefits and impacts of pricing programs will vary across geographies. These variations should inform decisions about where a program should target investments and</li> </ul>	<b>Expert Review Panel</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-creation process partnering with community-based organizations. Focus on organizations that represent region’s low income and BIPOC communities               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Compensate people who are a part of this process.</li> <li>○ Participants should help shape goals and performance metrics, what defines success, help shape policy options, how they would make tradeoffs, help prioritize use of revenues</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Look at outcomes – who pays and what is the distribution of benefits – make sure that providing a disproportionate benefit to most vulnerable communities.</li> <li>• Understand and consider ability to pay as part of the structure – progressive fee structure.</li> <li>• Study people who are spending over 50% of their income on housing.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Add the Oregon Toll Program’s Equity Framework, which is based off the <a href="#">TransForm “Pricing Roads, Advancing Equity,”</a> as a process for equity. We should plan for the interoperability between any future local pricing systems and understanding of cumulative impacts on people experiencing lower incomes.</li> </ul>

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	<p>with a focus on communities of color and people with low income.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Policy 4.</b> Use inclusive decision-making processes that provide meaningful opportunities for communities of color, people with low income and other historically marginalized communities to engage and participate in the development and implementation of transportation plans, projects and programs.</li> <li>• <b>Policy 6.</b> Evaluate transportation plans, policies, programs and investments to understand how they address transportation-related disparities and barriers experienced by communities of color, people with low-income and other historically marginalized communities and the extent the disparities are being eliminated.</li> </ul>	<p>affordability strategies and in depth outreach. (pg. 84)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carefully consider how the benefits and costs of congestion pricing impact different geographic and demographic groups. In particular, projects and programs need to conduct detailed analysis to show how to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ maximize benefits (mobility, shift to transit, less emissions, better access to jobs and community places, affordability, and safety)</li> <li>○ address negative impacts (diversion and related congestion on nearby routes, slowing of buses, potential safety issues, costs to low-income travelers, and equity issues). (pg. 84)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of revenues – focus on improving access and options to the area that is congested/priced, especially improving options for those places that do not have great options today.</li> <li>• Ensure that revenues are being used to support the desired costs and benefits</li> </ul> <p><b>RCPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See table in Figure 1</li> <li>• Selection of particular technologies and methodologies for pricing should consider impacts on different demographic and income groups in the region. Expensive or complex pricing methods may not only unfairly burden transportation disadvantaged travelers and create barriers to entry for them but could also cause these groups to be punitively treated as violators due to their lack of access to the proper technologies... For example, paying tolls should allow those without access to traditional banking services to be able to use alternative payment methods, such as cash payment kiosks at local stores, or to preload a pass account at a retail location. (pg. 75-76)</li> <li>• Improve equity outcomes by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Reducing harm and increasing benefits if agencies are willing to focus engagement on historically impacted residents and other stakeholders traditionally at a disadvantage and ensure they have a role in decision making at every step in the process. (pg. 6)</li> <li>○ Committing to targeted investments of net toll revenues for locally supported improvements such as improved transit infrastructure and services and traffic safety improvements. (pg. 6)</li> <li>○ Exploring who pays and to what degree, and considering a suite of affordability programs such as rebates or exemptions for low-income drivers, a “transportation wallet”, or other investments that address affordability. (pg. 6)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The biggest determinant of whether a congestion pricing program improves equity is how the program is designed— who benefits, how people are charged, and how revenue from congestion pricing strategies is spent (pg. 7)</li> <li>• With substantial community input and collaboration with representatives of impacted communities, agencies should gain consensus on equity definitions and to establish the equitable direction for the project, program, or study. (pg. 9)</li> <li>• Roadway-focused spending disproportionately benefit white people and those that have more means. In the Portland Metro area, people of color are more likely to rely on transit, walking, and carpooling. Nearly 20% of African American households, 14% of Latino households, and 13% of Asian households live without a car (Source: Metro 2018 RTP). In addition, racial minorities are four times more likely than whites to rely on transit for their work commute. Low-income people, disabled people, and seniors are also much more likely</li> </ul>	



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			<p>to rely on transit. Government provision of free roads and auto infrastructure acts like a matching grant, whereby those that can afford to own and operate a car are given the benefit. Those that cannot afford auto ownership or that are unable to drive, do not receive the same benefit. Transportation investments that focus on transit, walking, and biking infrastructure, especially if targeted to areas with concentrations of transportation disadvantaged groups can improve equity. Figure 2 (below) demonstrates equity impacts of different investment strategies (pg. 15)</p>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Equity <input type="checkbox"/> Safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Climate <input type="checkbox"/> Mobility	<p><b>Climate Smart Strategy policies (3.2.3.2)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Policy 2.</b> Make transit convenient, frequent, accessible and affordable.</li> <li>• <b>Policy 5.</b> Use technology to actively manage the transportation system and ensure that new and emerging technology affecting the region’s transportation system supports shared trips and other Climate Smart Strategy policy and strategies.</li> <li>• <b>Policy 6.</b> Provide information and incentives to expand the use of travel options.</li> <li>• <b>Policy 7.</b> Make efficient use of vehicle parking spaces through parking management and reducing the amount of land dedicated to parking.</li> <li>• <b>Policy 9.</b> Secure adequate funding for transportation investments that support the RTP climate leadership goal and objectives.</li> </ul>	<p><b>RCPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The success of a specific project or program is largely based on how it is developed and implemented requiring detailed analysis, outreach, monitoring, and incorporation of best practices. (pg. 85)</li> <li>• ...projects and programs need to conduct detailed analysis to show how to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ maximize benefits (mobility, shift to transit, less emissions, better access to jobs and community places, affordability, and safety)</li> <li>○ address negative impacts (diversion and related congestion on nearby routes, slowing of buses, potential safety issues, costs to low-income travelers, and equity issues). (pg. 84)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Expert Review Panel</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build multimodal elements into program design. You can’t mitigate your way out of an inequitable program design.</li> <li>• Incentivize mode shift. All aspects should be part of this, including use of revenues. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Provide and fund alternatives to driving</li> <li>○ Commuter credits</li> <li>○ Use revenues to provide funds for transit passes</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Ideas for alternatives to driving and vehicle ownership that could be subsidized <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cash on transit card,</li> <li>○ EV carshare, including to affordable housing sites</li> <li>○ Transit passes</li> <li>○ Discounted rideshare rides</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The thing that really moves the needle on VMT reduction is auto ownership. How to encourage people to not need/want cars. Densify transit.</li> <li>• Subsidize the ongoing operation and maintenance of transit.</li> <li>• Small investments in striping bike lanes, pedestrian walkways, and similar things can help to solve the first/last mile between transit and key employment hubs.</li> </ul> <p><b>RCPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve equity outcomes by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Committing to targeted investments of net toll revenues for locally supported improvements such as improved transit infrastructure and services and traffic safety improvements. (pg. 6)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>New development within the UGB needs to be designed so that walking, biking, and transit are viable travel modes. That includes transit-supportive appropriate densities, urban design that is pleasant and safe for non-motorized travel, and a mix of land uses to encourage shorter trips. Ideally housing that is affordable to employees of businesses located in the area will also be part of urban reserve development.</p>
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			<p>what types of investments make sense to improve equity. (pg. 12)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agencies and communities will need to strike a balance between affordability programs and the kinds of strategies that can best increase access to opportunity, mode shift, improve community health/safety, or other desirable outcomes. (pg. 12)</li> <li>...resources should be provided to lower income communities and neighborhoods that are in the vicinity of roadways being considered in pricing scenarios. Some potential resources for these communities should include introducing programs to dedicate pricing revenues to affordability programs for low-income auto-users, public transit improvements, and bicycle and pedestrian improvements in communities faced with heavy congestion and health disparities. (pg. 21)</li> </ul>	<p>approach to establish priority and demonstrate effectiveness need to remain on the table.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Equity <input type="checkbox"/> Safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Climate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mobility	<p><b>Transportation Demand Management Policies (3.11)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Policy 1</b> – Expand use of pricing strategies to manage travel demand on the transportation system in combination with adequate transit service options.</li> <li><b>Table 3.10</b> Examples of TSMO strategies and investments</li> </ul> <p>The policy further defines the suite of pricing strategies as involving <i>“the application of market pricing (through variable tolls, variable priced lanes, area-wide charges or cordon charges) to the use of roadways at different times of day...this strategy manages peak use on limited roadway infrastructure by providing an incentive for drivers to select other modes, routes, destinations or times of day for their travels. Reducing discretionary peak hour travel helps the system operate more efficiently improving mobility and reliability of the transportation system while limiting vehicle miles traveled and congestion-related auto emissions....”</i></p> <p>The policy also discusses ODOT work on congestion pricing at the time of the 2018 RTP’s publication: <i>Through the end of 2018, ODOT conducted a feasibility analysis to explore the options available and determine how congestion (value) pricing could help ease congestion in the greater Portland area. Oregon’s House Bill 2017, also known as Keep</i></p>	<p><b>RCPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Congestion pricing can be used to improve mobility and reduce emissions. This study demonstrated how these tools could work with the region’s land use and transportation system. (pg. 84)</li> <li>...projects and programs need to conduct detailed analysis to show how to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>maximize benefits (mobility, shift to transit, less emissions, better access to jobs and community places, affordability, and safety)</li> <li>address negative impacts (diversion and related congestion on nearby routes, slowing of buses, potential safety issues, costs to low-income travelers, and equity issues). (pg. 84)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Expert Review Panel</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Incentivize mode shift. All aspects should be part of this, including use of revenues. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide and fund alternatives to driving</li> <li>Commuter credits</li> <li>Use revenues to provide funds for transit passes</li> </ul> </li> <li>Ideas for alternatives to driving and vehicle ownership that could be subsidized <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cash on transit card,</li> <li>EV carshare, including to affordable housing sites</li> <li>Transit passes</li> <li>Discounted rideshare rides</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Should the impact of pricing on future land use (say, the urban growth boundary) or Metro’s 2040 growth plan be stated as a policy goal? It seems like this could provide some of the largest benefits in the sense that growing up rather than out would likely reduce the need for car ownership, which according to the expert panel is the most effective way to reduce GHG.</li> <li>Tolling is a mechanism for pricing within a system of demand management tools. Interoperability with other system management tools, such as ramp metering, transportation services, and capital investments should be pursued. Additionally, since it is a system operations tool is should not be considered a land use program/action unto itself.</li> <li>Consider a transit system that incorporates “mobility hubs” that make it easy for travelers to shift between modes, such as from SOV to train, or from rideshare to bike or bus</li> </ul>

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	<p><i>Oregon Moving, directs the Oregon Transportation Commission to develop a proposal for value pricing on I-5 and I-205 from the state line to the junction of the two freeways just south of Tualatin, to reduce congestion. The State Legislature directed the OTC to seek approval from the Federal Highway Administration no later than December 31, 2018. If FHWA approves the proposal, the OTC is required to implement value pricing. See Chapter 8 for more information about future planning and analysis of this strategy.</i></p>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Equity <input type="checkbox"/> Safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Climate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mobility	<p><b>Regional Motor Vehicle Network Policies (3.5)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Policy 6</b> – In combination with increased transit service, consider use of value pricing to manage congestion and raise revenue when one or more lanes are being added to throughways.</li> <li>• <b>Policy 12</b> – Prior to adding new motor vehicle capacity beyond the planned system of motor vehicle through lanes, demonstrate that system and demand management strategies, including access management, transit and freight priority and value pricing, transit service and multimodal connectivity improvements cannot adequately address arterial or throughway deficiencies and bottlenecks.</li> <li>• <b>Table 3.7</b> Toolbox of strategies to address congestion in the region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Emerging: Congestion Pricing Strategies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Peak Period Pricing</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Managed Lanes</i></li> <li>▪ <i>High Occupancy Toll Lanes</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Appendix L:</b> Federal performance-based planning and congestion management process documentation</li> </ul>	<p><b>RCPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All eight pricing scenarios reduced daily vehicle miles traveled. The VMT C scenario provided the greatest reduction (approximately 7.5%), while the Parking A scenario showed the smallest reduction (approximately 0.9%) (pg. 49)</li> <li>• Six of the eight pricing scenarios showed a decrease in total vehicle hours of delay (approximately 7% to 39%). The two Cordon scenarios showed increases (approximately 5% to 7%). While the two Roadway scenarios showed the greatest decrease in freeway vehicle hours of delay (approximately 35% to 38%), they both also showed an increase in arterial vehicle hours of delay (approximately 6% to 29%) (pg. 52)</li> </ul>	<p><b>RCPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leaders in the Metro region have long recognized the importance of pairing investments in transportation capacity building with travel demand management tools. The 2018 RTP identified congestion pricing as a high priority, high impact strategy (pg. 1)</li> <li>• Stockholm: The congestion pricing program has reduced traffic by 22% and greenhouse gas emissions by 14%. Program revenues have funded 18 new regional bus lines and 2,800 new regional park-and-ride spaces (pg. 82)</li> <li>• London: Prior to congestion pricing, traffic in central London averaged 2-5 mph. Since implementation, the average traffic speed has increased to 10 mph.17 London increased bus service in the pricing zone by 27%, improving transit reliability and travel times. As a result, bus ridership increased 38% in two years (pg. 82)</li> <li>• New York City: In 2019, New York City implemented a congestion zone surcharge on for-hire vehicles (like taxis, Uber and Lyft) in Manhattan as part of its phased approach to pricing. Future phases, planned for implementation in 2021, include a vehicle fee for crossing into a specified zone. Revenues collected from the program will be reinvested into capital transit projects, particularly in the city’s subway system. (pg. 82)</li> </ul>	<p>See comment above on safety sometimes requiring operational investments that may include a capacity component</p>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Equity <input type="checkbox"/> Safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Climate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mobility	<p><b>Emerging Technology Policies (3.2.4.3)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Policy 3.</b> Use the best available data to empower travelers to make travel choices and to plan and manage the transportation system.</li> <li>• <b>Policy 4.</b> Advance the public interest by anticipating, learning from and</li> </ul>	<p><b>RCPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordinate with other pricing programs, including analysis of cumulative impacts and consideration of shared payment technologies, to reduce user confusion and ensure success of a program. (pg. 85)</li> </ul>	<p><b>RCPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Selection of particular technologies and methodologies for pricing should consider impacts on different demographic and income groups in the region. Expensive or complex pricing methods may not only unfairly burden transportation disadvantaged travelers and create barriers to entry for them but could also cause these groups to be punitively treated as violators due to their lack of access to the proper</li> </ul>	



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	adapting to new development in technology.		<p>technologies... For example, paying tolls should allow those without access to traditional banking services to be able to use alternative payment methods, such as cash payment kiosks at local stores, or to preload a pass account at a retail location. (pg. 75-76)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deploying existing technologies will likely be less expensive to implement and reduce scheduling risks compared to deploying emerging or in-development technologies. Implementing existing technologies does need to be weighed against the risk of the technology becoming obsolete in the near future or being vulnerable to future market disruptors. (pg. 75)</li> <li>• Keeping in mind coordination with other pricing programs will go a long way towards creating a more seamless customer experience for travelers. In particular, ODOT is planning to implement tolling on Interstates in the Portland region, so adopting common technologies and payment systems may be advantageous in order to reduce duplicative efforts and provide savings through economies of scale. (pg. 75)</li> </ul>	
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Additional thoughts from TPAC/MTAC Members:

<p>1. Have staff identified the right congestion pricing policy areas in the 2018 RTP?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agree that we need a more centralized and clear approach to congestion pricing policy.</li> <li>• There doesn't seem to be any mention of freight movement in relation to pricing.</li> </ul> <p>2. Are we missing any important policies or areas where the 2023 RTP update should address congestion pricing?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Defining terms in coordination with state terminology for transportation – tolling, congestion pricing, demand management, flat-rate tolls, variable-rate tolls, dynamic pricing, etc.</li> <li>• Need for further refinement of the baseline assumptions on the regional travel demand model to better baseline and project congestion on I-5 and I-205. ODOT's work with Metro's modeling team on the toll project environment has taught us much about how the model needs to be adjusted to better accommodate congestion pricing. The modeling process should flow from the policy level goals and questions we are seeking to answer.</li> <li>• There's a need to recognize federal and financial requirements for tolling.</li> <li>• We had the following comments on the recommendations for policy maker and owner/operators from the Regional Congestion Pricing Study: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Add "state" to local and regional-scale conversations – thinking about rural areas, tribal governments, and people who have had to live outside of region because of housing costs.</li> <li>○ Diversion from the current toll projects is going to look different – not as many roads are tolled and updating modeling assumptions (e.g. trucks).</li> <li>○ Agree with equity, safety, and affordability, but their incorporation into project definition should not be a pass/fail on NEPA purpose and need statement.</li> <li>○ Agree with affordability, investment in equity, and targeted pricing, but the bullet point examples shouldn't be what "defines equity solutions," there is more work to be done.</li> <li>○ Consolidate the recommendations for policy makers and owner/operators into one list.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>3. What specific policy language would you like to see included to address gaps in congestion pricing policy?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There's a need to balance the line between identifying items that congestion pricing project should consider with the reality that projects will have their own unique set of financial and regulatory requirements, as well as different contexts for equity – in addition to trying to meet and connect with federal, state, regional, and local rules, plans, and stakeholders. There should not be a one-size fits all requirement for how all congestion pricing, which includes but is not limited to toll projects, should address equity, climate, congestion, safety. The following items should be decided at the project-level by the owner and operators of the project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Identification of mitigation that is included with the project</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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- Toll revenue allocation
- Exemptions, credits, discounts, or exceptions
- Mechanism for review, assessment, and adjustments
- Encouragement for freight to use off-peak hours
- More flexibility in assessing investment mixes as they relate to equity.
- Impact of diversion as a result of pricing on vulnerable communities. There are opportunities to invest in traffic calming measures in those communities to reduce the likelihood and attractiveness of diversion routes while maintaining mobility/accessibility in the communities themselves.

Figure 1 Table from Page 8-9 of RCPS

**Table 2 Steps to Consider when Planning for Pricing**

TransForm's Pricing Roads, Advancing Equity Five Steps	NCHRP Tolling Assessment Steps	GARE Racial Equity Toolkit Steps & Questions	City of Portland Racial Equity Toolkit Worksheet Steps
1. Identify Who, What, and Where	1. Frame the Project 2. Identify the Applicable Requirements Governing Decisions 3. Recognize the Relevant Decision-Makers and Stakeholders	1. Proposal: What is the policy, program, practice, or budget decision under consideration? What are the desired results and outcomes? 2. Data: What's the data? What do the data tell us? 3. Community engagement: How have communities been engaged? Are there opportunities to expand engagement?	1. Set Equitable Outcomes 2. Collect and Analyze Data 3. Understand the Historical Context 4. Engage those most Impacted
2. Define Equity Outcome and Performance Indicators	4. Scope Approach to Measure and Address Impacts	See #1 "Proposal" above	See #1 "Set Equitable Outcomes" above
3. Determining Benefits and Burdens	5. Conduct Impact Analysis and Measurement	4. Analysis and strategies: Who will benefit from or be burdened by your proposal? What are your strategies for advancing racial equity or mitigating unintended consequences?	See #2 "Collect and Analyze Data" above
4. Choose Programs that Advance Transportation Equity	6. Identify and Assess Mitigation Strategies	See #4 "Analysis and Strategies" above	5. Develop Racially Equitable Strategies and Refine Outcomes 6. Implement Changes
5. Provide Accountable Feedback and Evaluation	7. Document Results for Decision Makers and the Public 8. Conduct Post-Implementation Monitoring	5. Accountability and communication: How will you ensure accountability, affordability, communicate, and evaluate results? 6. Implementation: What is your plan for implementation?	7. Evaluate/ Accountability/ Report Back

Figure 2 Table from Page 15 of RCPS

REVENUE INVESTMENT EQUITY MATRIX	
INVESTMENT STRATEGY	EQUITY IMPACTS
Road expansion	Does not add more affordable options.
Mix of road expansion and transit	Some drivers can shift to new, more affordable modes. Transit users also benefit.
Transit, walking, and bike infrastructure with targeted carpool, vanpool, and new mobility options where needed	Allows greater shift to more affordable and sustainable modes.
Transit, walking, and bike infrastructure with an <b>intensive focus on vulnerable communities</b>	Significant expansion of commute options and a reduction in user costs (if fares are reduced on transit and other mobility options).

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## Attachment 1 - Metro Regional Transportation Plan – Congestion Pricing Policy Overview April 2022 – For TPAC/MTAC Feedback

This document provides an overview of existing policies from the 2018 RTP that are relevant to congestion pricing, along with related findings and recommendations from Metro’s Regional Congestion Pricing Study (RCPS), as well as supportive language from the RCPS and the Expert Review Panel that was convened in April 2021 to review the RCPS. The first column in the table below identifies which one or more of the four RTP priorities (Equity, Safety, Climate, Mobility) relate to each policy.

**Feedback is requested by May 4, 2022.** Please send to [alex.oreschak@oregonmetro.gov](mailto:alex.oreschak@oregonmetro.gov). There is space within this document to provide feedback on each 2018 RTP element, or to provide general thoughts at the bottom of the table. If easier, sending an email with comments in the email body or as a separate attachment is also acceptable.

Additionally, below are questions that Metro staff asked TPAC and MTAC at the April 20, 2022 workshop to consider as they review this information: [we address these in the text box you created below]



Outcome	Existing <i>Relevant</i> Policies in 2018 RTP	Findings and Recommendations from RCPS	Supportive language from RCPS and Expert Review Panel	TPAC/MTAC Feedback
<input type="checkbox"/> Equity <input type="checkbox"/> Safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Climate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mobility	<b>Goal 4: Reliability and Efficiency (2-16)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Objective 4.6 Pricing</b> –Expand the use of pricing strategies to manage travel demand to reduce VMT and encourage walking, biking,using transit and other shared trips and support additional development in 2040 Growth Areas.</li> </ul>	<b>RCPS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Define clear goals and outcomes from the beginning of a pricing program. The program priorities such as mobility, revenues, or equity should inform the program design and implementation strategies. Optimizing for one priority over another can lead to different outcomes. (pg. 84)</li> </ul>	<b>Expert Review Panel</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Revenue reinvestment is single most important factor, but pricing is an expensive and difficult way to raise revenue. Pricing should be done for other goals, like congestion and reducing GHG emissions.</li> </ul> <b>RCPS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>...identify and commit to equity indicators to assess the benefits and burdens of pricing. Measurable indicators can and should be established for both outcome equity (such as affordability, access to opportunity, community health) and process equity (community engagement) indicators. (pg. 9-10)</li> </ul>	<p>If framed correctly (around demand management), this could be a really key link that could ground the RCPS recommendation in this row with the RTP doing that more effectively. Connecting more strongly to the Congestion Management Process (with a key focus on why reducing VMT is essential to improving reliability) is another opportunity.</p>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Equity <input type="checkbox"/> Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Climate <input type="checkbox"/> Mobility	<b>Regional Transportation Equity Policies (3-18)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Policy 1:</b> Integrate consideration of equity into the planning implementation of transportation projects, programs, policies and strategies to comprehensively consider the benefits and impacts of transportation and eliminate negative impacts, disparities and barriers experienced by marginalized communities, particularly communities of color.</li> <li><b>Policy 2.</b> Ensure investments in the transportation system anticipate and minimize the effects of displacement and other affordability impacts on historically marginalized communities, with a focus on communities of color and people with low income.</li> <li><b>Policy 4.</b> Use inclusive decision-making processes that provide meaningful opportunities for communities of color, people with low income and other historically marginalized communities to engage and participate in the development and implementation of transportation plans, projects and programs.</li> <li><b>Policy 6.</b> Evaluate transportation plans, policies, programs and investments to understand how they address transportation-related disparities and barriers experienced by communities of color, people with low-income and other historically marginalized</li> </ul>	<b>RCPS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Congestion pricing can benefit communities that have been harmed in the past, providing meaningful equity benefits to the region. However, if not done thoughtfully, congestion pricing could harm BIPOC and low-income communities, compounding past injustices. (pg. 85)</li> <li>Conduct meaningful engagement and an extensive outreach campaign, including with those who would be most impacted by congestion pricing, to develop a project that works and will gain public and political acceptance. (pg. 85)</li> <li>Recognize that benefits and impacts of pricing programs will vary across geographies. These variations should inform decisions about where a program should target investments and affordability strategies and in depth outreach. (pg. 84)</li> <li>Carefully consider how the benefits and costs of congestion pricing impact different geographic and demographic groups. In particular, projects and programs need to conduct detailed analysis to show how to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>maximize benefits (mobility, shift to transit, less emissions, better access to jobs and community places, affordability, and safety)</li> <li>address negative impacts (diversion and related congestion on nearby routes, slowing of buses, potential safety issues, costs to low-income travelers, and equity issues). (pg. 84)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Expert Review Panel</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Co-creation process partnering with community-based organizations. Focus on organizations that represent region’s low income and BIPOC communities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Compensate people who are a part of this process.</li> <li>Participants should help shape goals and performance metrics, what defines success, help shape policy options, how they would make tradeoffs, help prioritize use of revenues</li> </ul> </li> <li>Look at outcomes – who pays and what is the distribution of benefits – make sure that providing a disproportionate benefit to most vulnerable communities.</li> <li>Understand and consider ability to pay as part of the structure – progressive fee structure.</li> <li>Study people who are spending over 50% of their income on housing.</li> <li>Use of revenues – focus on improving access and options to the area that is congested/priced, especially improving options for those places that do not have great options today.</li> <li>Ensure that revenues are being used to support the desired costs and benefits</li> </ul> <b>RCPS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See table in Figure 1</li> <li>Selection of particular technologies and methodologies for pricing should consider impacts on different demographic and income groups in the region. Expensive or complex pricing methods may not only unfairly burden transportation disadvantaged travelers and create barriers to entry for them but could also cause these groups to be punitively treated as violators due to their lack of access to the proper technologies... For example, paying tolls should allow those without access to traditional banking services to be able to use alternative payment methods, such as cash payment kiosks at local stores, or to preload a pass account at a retail location. (pg. 75-76)</li> <li>Improve equity outcomes by:</li> </ul>	<p>While these equity policies still stand on their own, it does feel like some additional policy language around how to design pricing equitably would be valuable. As suggested by the graphic appended to the bottom of this document you may be considering, but can we point to the Equitable Mobility Framework and some of the key elements of the Transform report on more specific applications of equity to pricing?</p>

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	<p>communities and the extent the disparities are being eliminated.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Reducing harm and increasing benefits if agencies are willing to focus engagement on historically impacted residents and other stakeholders traditionally at a disadvantage and ensure they have a role in decision making at every step in the process. (pg. 6)</li> <li>○ Committing to targeted investments of net toll revenues for locally supported improvements such as improved transit infrastructure and services and traffic safety improvements. (pg. 6)</li> <li>○ Exploring who pays and to what degree, and considering a suite of affordability programs such as rebates or exemptions for low-income drivers, a “transportation wallet”, or other investments that address affordability. (pg. 6)</li> <li>● The biggest determinant of whether a congestion pricing program improves equity is how the program is designed— who benefits, how people are charged, and how revenue from congestion pricing strategies is spent (pg. 7)</li> <li>● With substantial community input and collaboration with representatives of impacted communities, agencies should gain consensus on equity definitions and to establish the equitable direction for the project, program, or study. (pg. 9)</li> <li>● Roadway-focused spending disproportionately benefit white people and those that have more means. In the Portland Metro area, people of color are more likely to rely on transit, walking, and carpooling. Nearly 20% of African American households, 14% of Latino households, and 13% of Asian households live without a car (Source: Metro 2018 RTP). In addition, racial minorities are four times more likely than whites to rely on transit for their work commute. Low-income people, disabled people, and seniors are also much more likely to rely on transit. Government provision of free roads and auto infrastructure acts like a matching grant, whereby those that can afford to own and operate a car are given the benefit. Those that cannot afford auto ownership or that are unable to drive, do not receive the same benefit. Transportation investments that focus on transit, walking, and biking infrastructure, especially if targeted to areas with concentrations of transportation disadvantaged groups can improve equity. Figure 2 (below) demonstrates equity impacts of different investment strategies (pg. 15)</li> </ul>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Equity <input type="checkbox"/> Safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Climate <input type="checkbox"/> Mobility	<p><b>Climate Smart Strategy policies (3.2.3.2)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Policy 2.</b> Make transit convenient, frequent, accessible and affordable.</li> <li>● <b>Policy 5.</b> Use technology to actively manage the transportation system and ensure that new and emerging technology affecting the region’s transportation system supports shared</li> </ul>	<p><b>RCPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The success of a specific project or program is largely based on how it is developed and implemented requiring detailed analysis, outreach, monitoring, and incorporation of best practices. (pg. 85)</li> <li>● ...projects and programs need to conduct detailed analysis to show how to:</li> </ul>	<p><b>Expert Review Panel</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Build multimodal elements into program design. You can’t mitigate your way out of an inequitable program design.</li> <li>● Incentivize mode shift. All aspects should be part of this, including use of revenues. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Provide and fund alternatives to driving</li> <li>○ Commuter credits</li> <li>○ Use revenues to provide funds for transit passes</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Add policy statement(s) here that articulate that pricing should be designed and implemented to advance these other Climate Smart policies and to demonstrate achievement of the updated state-mandated VMT reduction goals for the RTP.</p>

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	<p>trips and other Climate Smart Strategy policy and strategies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Policy 6.</b> Provide information and incentives to expand the use of travel options.</li> <li>• <b>Policy 7.</b> Make efficient use of vehicle parking spaces through parking management and reducing the amount of land dedicated to parking.</li> <li>• <b>Policy 9.</b> Secure adequate funding for transportation investments that support the RTP climate leadership goal and objectives.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ maximize benefits (mobility, shift to transit, less emissions, better access to jobs and community places, affordability, and safety)</li> <li>○ address negative impacts (diversion and related congestion on nearby routes, slowing of buses, potential safety issues, costs to low-income travelers, and equity issues). (pg. 84)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ideas for alternatives to driving and vehicle ownership that could be subsidized <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cash on transit card,</li> <li>○ EV carshare, including to affordable housing sites</li> <li>○ Transit passes</li> <li>○ Discounted rideshare rides</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The thing that really moves the needle on VMT reduction is auto ownership. How to encourage people to not need/want cars. Densify transit.</li> <li>• Subsidize the ongoing operation and maintenance of transit.</li> <li>• Small investments in striping bike lanes, pedestrian walkways, and similar things can help to solve the first/last mile between transit and key employment hubs.</li> </ul> <p><b>RCPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve equity outcomes by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Committing to targeted investments of net toll revenues for locally supported improvements such as improved transit infrastructure and services and traffic safety improvements. (pg. 6)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Equity <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Climate <input type="checkbox"/> Mobility	<p><b>Safety and Security Policies (3.2.1.4)</b></p> <p><b>Policy 4.</b> Increase safety for all modes of travel for all people through the planning, design, construction, operation and maintenance of the transportation system, with a focus on reducing vehicle speeds.</p>	<p><b>RCPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build equity, safety, and affordability into the project definition so a holistic project that meets the need of the community is developed rather than adding “mitigations” later. (pg. 85)</li> </ul>	<p><b>RCPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Once indicators have been selected, agencies should conduct the necessary assessments to identify the extent to which the identified populations of concern are impacted by project or program alternatives. Special attention should be placed on travelers by geography, mode, and demographics of interest. (pg. 11)</li> <li>• In depth analysis with modeling and mapping can show the geographies where benefits and impacts are likely to occur with a project. This analysis can help project implementers to understand where to focus investments (and outreach) and what types of investments make sense to improve equity. (pg. 12)</li> <li>• Agencies and communities will need to strike a balance between affordability programs and the kinds of strategies that can best increase access to opportunity, mode shift, improve community health/safety, or other desirable outcomes. (pg. 12)</li> <li>• ...resources should be provided to lower income communities and neighborhoods that are in the vicinity of roadways being considered in pricing scenarios. Some potential resources for these communities should include introducing programs to dedicate pricing revenues to affordability programs for low-income auto-users, public transit improvements, and bicycle and pedestrian improvements in communities faced with heavy congestion and health disparities. (pg. 21)</li> </ul>	<p>We recommend additional policy statement(s) in the Safety goal area articulating that pricing programs should aim to minimize the amount of VMT shifted to non-freeway routes.</p> <p>Ideal outcome: Reduce VMT on all freeways and roadways.</p> <p>Acceptable: Same VMT on the system. But keep vehicles on freeways given their limited access and lower exposure risk for non-driving people/vulnerable roadway users. We want to prevent against driver diversion onto local arterials and lower classified streets to avoid pricing.</p> <p>AVOID: Increased VMT on local arterials and lower classified roadways. This leads to greater exposure risk for people walking, biking, scooting, accessing transit, etc.</p> <p>We also recommend adding policy language referencing that reducing VMT, as well as travel speeds, also can lead to reducing fatalities, serious injuries, and crashes.</p>

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<input type="checkbox"/> Equity <input type="checkbox"/> Safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Climate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mobility	<p><b>Transportation Demand Management Policies (3.11)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Policy 1</b> – Expand use of pricing strategies to manage travel demand and reduce VMT across the transportation system in combination with adequate transit service options and expanding safe bicycle and pedestrian networks.</li> <li>• <b>Table 3.10</b> Examples of TSMO strategies and investments</li> </ul> <p>The policy further defines the suite of pricing strategies as involving “<i>the application of market pricing (through variable tolls, variable priced lanes, area-wide charges or cordon charges) to the use of roadways in various locations at different times ...this strategy manages peak use on limited roadway infrastructure by providing an incentive for drivers to select other modes, routes, destinations or times of day for their travels. Reducing discretionary peak hour travel helps the system operate more efficiently improving mobility and reliability of the transportation system while limiting vehicle miles traveled and congestion-related auto emissions and other associated impacts of vehicle travel, such as safety.....</i>”</p> <p>The policy also discusses ODOT work on congestion pricing at the time of the 2018 RTP’s publication: <i>Through the end of 2018, ODOT conducted a feasibility analysis to explore the options available and determine how congestion (value) pricing could help ease congestion in the greater Portland area. Oregon’s House Bill 2017, also known as Keep Oregon Moving, directs the Oregon Transportation Commission to develop a proposal for value pricing on I-5 and I-205 from the state line to the junction of the two freeways just south of Tualatin, to reduce congestion. The State Legislature directed the OTC to seek approval from the Federal Highway Administration no later than December 31, 2018. If FHWA approves the proposal, the OTC is required to implement value pricing. See Chapter 8 for more</i></p>	<p><b>RCPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Congestion pricing can be used to improve mobility and reduce emissions. This study demonstrated how these tools could work with the region’s land use and transportation system. (pg. 84)</li> <li>• ...projects and programs need to conduct detailed analysis to show how to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ maximize benefits (mobility, shift to transit, less emissions, better access to jobs and community places, affordability, and safety)</li> <li>○ address negative impacts (diversion and related congestion on nearby routes, slowing of buses, potential safety issues, costs to low-income travelers, and equity issues). (pg. 84)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Expert Review Panel</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incentivize mode shift. All aspects should be part of this, including use of revenues. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Provide and fund alternatives to driving</li> <li>○ Commuter credits</li> <li>○ Use revenues to provide funds for transit passes</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Ideas for alternatives to driving and vehicle ownership that could be subsidized <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cash on transit card,</li> <li>○ EV carshare, including to affordable housing sites</li> <li>○ Transit passes</li> <li>○ Discounted rideshare rides</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Reconsider including “other routes” or provide more nuance explanation. We want to protect against diversion onto local arterials and lower classified streets to avoid pricing.</p> <p>May also need to vary pricing by days of the week in addition to time of day.</p>

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	<i>information about future planning and analysis of this strategy.</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Equity <input type="checkbox"/> Safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Climate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mobility	<b>Regional Motor Vehicle Network Policies (3.5)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Policy 6</b> – In combination with increased transit service, consider use of value pricing to <b>reduce VMT</b> and raise revenue.</li> <li>• <b>Policy 12</b> – Prior to adding new motor vehicle capacity beyond the planned system of motor vehicle through lanes, demonstrate that system and demand management strategies, including access management, transit and freight priority and value pricing, transit service and multimodal connectivity improvements have been implemented and evaluated to determine if additional capacity is justified.</li> <li>• <b>Table 3.7</b> Toolbox of strategies to address congestion in the region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Emerging: Congestion Pricing Strategies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Areawide pricing</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Peak Period Pricing</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Managed Lanes</i></li> <li>▪ <i>High Occupancy Toll Lanes</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Appendix L:</b> Federal performance-based planning and congestion management process documentation</li> </ul>	<b>RCPS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All eight pricing scenarios reduced daily vehicle miles traveled. The VMT C scenario provided the greatest reduction (approximately 7.5%), while the Parking A scenario showed the smallest reduction (approximately 0.9%) (pg. 49)</li> <li>• Six of the eight pricing scenarios showed a decrease in total vehicle hours of delay (approximately 7% to 39%). The two Cordon scenarios showed increases (approximately 5% to 7%). While the two Roadway scenarios showed the greatest decrease in freeway vehicle hours of delay (approximately 35% to 38%), they both also showed an increase in arterial vehicle hours of delay (approximately 6% to 29%) (pg. 52)</li> </ul>	<b>RCPS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leaders in the Metro region have long recognized the importance of pairing investments in transportation capacity building with travel demand management tools. The 2018 RTP identified congestion pricing as a high priority, high impact strategy (pg. 1)</li> <li>• Stockholm: The congestion pricing program has reduced traffic by 22% and greenhouse gas emissions by 14%. Program revenues have funded 18 new regional bus lines and 2,800 new regional park-and-ride spaces (pg. 82)</li> <li>• London: Prior to congestion pricing, traffic in central London averaged 2-5 mph. Since implementation, the average traffic speed has increased to 10 mph.17 London increased bus service in the pricing zone by 27%, improving transit reliability and travel times. As a result, bus ridership increased 38% in two years (pg. 82)</li> <li>• New York City: In 2019, New York City implemented a congestion zone surcharge on for-hire vehicles (like taxis, Uber and Lyft) in Manhattan as part of its phased approach to pricing. Future phases, planned for implementation in 2021, include a vehicle fee for crossing into a specified zone. Revenues collected from the program will be reinvested into capital transit projects, particularly in the city’s subway system. (pg. 82)</li> </ul>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Equity <input type="checkbox"/> Safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Climate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mobility	<b>Emerging Technology Policies (3.2.4.3)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Policy 3.</b> Use the best available data to empower travelers to make travel choices and to plan and manage the transportation system.</li> <li>• <b>Policy 4.</b> Advance the public interest by anticipating, learning from and adapting to new development in technology.</li> </ul>	<b>RCPS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordinate with other pricing programs, including analysis of cumulative impacts and consideration of shared payment technologies, to reduce user confusion and ensure success of a program. (pg. 85)</li> </ul>	<b>RCPS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Selection of particular technologies and methodologies for pricing should consider impacts on different demographic and income groups in the region. Expensive or complex pricing methods may not only unfairly burden transportation disadvantaged travelers and create barriers to entry for them but could also cause these groups to be punitively treated as violators due to their lack of access to the proper technologies... For example, paying tolls should allow those without access to traditional banking services to be able to use alternative payment methods, such as cash payment kiosks at local stores, or to preload a pass account at a retail location. (pg. 75-76)</li> <li>• Deploying existing technologies will likely be less expensive to implement and reduce scheduling risks compared to deploying emerging or in-development technologies. Implementing existing technologies does need to be weighed against the risk of the technology becoming obsolete in the near future or being vulnerable to future market disruptors. (pg. 75)</li> </ul>	Is this policy just referring to ITS emerging technologies or also pricing tools? More crosswalk and language connecting the two may be needed here. That said, I think they could be used together to better inform people’s decisions. Ideally before they pick up the keys and leave the front door. Imagine an app that helps you check congestion/delay conditions, variable toll prices, travel times/arrival times for driving versus transit, when the next bus is coming. And other mode options too. I think Google Maps could with some more coding.



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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keeping in mind coordination with other pricing programs will go a long way towards creating a more seamless customer experience for travelers. In particular, ODOT is planning to implement tolling on Interstates in the Portland region, so adopting common technologies and payment systems may be advantageous in order to reduce duplicative efforts and provide savings through economies of scale. (pg. 75)</li> </ul>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Equity <input type="checkbox"/> Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Climate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mobility	Various mobility corridors identify congestion pricing for consideration.			

Additional thoughts from TPAC/MTAC Members:

**Top-line considerations Portland would emphasize prior to responding to more specific prompts below and in matrix:**

As the pricing expert panel noted, being clear about the outcomes we want to achieve with pricing tools is core to success, so it is imperative that the RTP pricing policy help establish that clearly.

If we're going to advance all of our goals, we need to be sure to define the core goal of pricing as demand management – which itself must clearly mean VMT reduction not “congestion management,” which is essentially idling reduction and would be measured by traffic speeds vs travel volumes and mode splits.

Given the CFEC rules' updated requirement to have this and future RTPs demonstrate significant VMT reductions (30%/capita by 2045 for this RTP), we should also more explicitly link the RTP congestion pricing policy to achievement of these state required targets and incorporate that target as part of the rate setting work ODOT will be pursuing in the future. This should be an explicit focus of the RTP's congestion pricing strategy.

**Are these the right policy areas to evaluate? Are we missing any important policy topics or gaps?**

Largely, yes, though we would suggest adding Goals and related Objectives and Policies connected to land use strategies in Vibrant Places (Goal 1), particularly around Centers and Corridors, to Shared Prosperity (Goal 2) objectives, and to Transportation Choices (Goal 3) and around Healthy People (Goal 7) to address air quality impacts (such as Objective 7.2)

One potential model for this is in Appendix L's Table 3. *2018 RTP Congestion Management Process Related Goals and Objectives*, which could provide a good starting place for the full range of relevant goals and objectives that a pricing approach focused on demand management and mode shifting connects to (as the CMP also supports to reduce/eliminate the need for expanded capacity). This also points to the opportunity to strengthen the connection between pricing and the benefits to business (especially but not exclusively trade-driven business) of having a more reliable transportation system.

Existing RTP Goals/Objectives to add:

- o All Objectives under Goal 2, and specifically Objective 2.4 Transportation and Housing Affordability –This speaks to the POEM discussion about not wanting to burden low-income households with additional congestion pricing costs. This is an Equity bullet addition in the matrix below.
- o All 3 Objectives under Goal 3 should be included – this is a coordinated land use, transportation and transportation management objective and gets at the POEM intent of using pricing to manage the system to get at active transportation modes and reducing VMT.
- o Goal 5 and specifically Objective 5.3 Preparedness and Resiliency – Reduce the vulnerability of regional transportation infrastructure to natural disasters, climate change and hazardous incidents, through potential reinvestment of pricing revenues (though completing multimodal networks and investing in low-income exemptions should be higher investment priorities for pricing revenues).

**What specific policy language would you want to see to update the existing language or address gaps?**

See specific suggested edits in the matrix language.

In addition, we would offer the following language, building on language under discussion at the EMAC table currently that may be appropriate for the communications approach) we propose below to highlighting and articulating Congestion Pricing Strategy (as well as for the other major policy moves):



*To effectively manage congestion, congestion pricing must be designed for demand management, meaning prioritizing reducing single occupant/passenger vehicle demand for the roadways (both the highway and surrounding areas) and increasing the use of transportation options such as transit, biking, walking and carpooling and vanpooling. This will be critical for tolling to help to reduce carbon emissions and air quality impacts and provide improved mobility options and improve the lives of those living near or traveling on the highways, especially historically affected and underserved populations.*

*Demand management, with the goals described above, should be the foundation for how we study and design toll rate setting. For the region to be able to meet the VMT reduction requirements under CFEC rules, we must price tolls at a level that reduces the amount of vehicle miles travelled (initially and with adjustments over time based on performance monitoring) and ideally eliminates the need for additional highway travel lanes in these areas.*

**How do we balance the need to respond to and help shape existing projects while at the same time, providing a broad blueprint on pricing that can address future projects that may take different approaches to applying pricing to our system?**

In order to meet these VMT reduction targets being established by the CFEC rulemaking, modeling Portland has done with Metro and ODOT using the Vision Eval tool to evaluate progress towards these targets shows clearly that we must expect existing projects to evaluate and demonstrate their performance relative to those outcomes. In addition, ODOT should seek feedback from EMAC, JPACT, and the RTPC on ways of optimizing the performance of existing projects.

In addition, Metro should use the RTP update (and potentially also the technical work for the RMPP) to build upon the RCPS and project-specific analysis done to date to assess the impact of multiple facility-specific tolling projects advancing in combination of with evaluation of other pricing tools to understand how that would impact system and project level performance. In particular, assessing area-wide pricing together with facility tolling seems like a gap in the current RCPS, potentially in combination with parking pricing, which is also identified in the CFEC rules and the RTP workplan. This combined tool approach is also likely to show different diversion response to pricing.

**Do we still primarily want pricing to be used to manage congestion and encourage mode shift, or are there other goals and objectives that the RTP should be placing more emphasis on in relation to pricing?**

By using pricing to manage demand (meaning VMT reduction) and encourage mode shift, we can also use pricing to help advance multiple other goals in the RTP (in the same way that focusing on VMT reduction as a primary standard in the Regional Mobility Policy would most completely addresses the suite of safety, climate and mobility goals, and can/should advance equity when done right).

**Should the existing definition of congestion pricing in the 2018 RTP (Transportation Demand Management Policies (3.11)) remain, or be replaced/updated, and whether this definition or another, is this is the right place for pricing to be defined?**

While we strongly support defining congestion pricing policy to achieve demand management, PBOT is concerned that the approach to pricing in the current RTP risks this important strategy being buried in the current structure, including if we were to only include it in the Travel Demand Management policies. We also see value in ensuring that pricing specific policy language is also included in the relevant Goal areas, Objectives and Policies, while wanting to ensure that the reader and user of the document can clearly understand what the region's desired approach to congestion pricing is without having to navigate a suite of individual policies across the document.

PBOT recommends considering a "Yes and" approach to address this dynamic: Develop a unified description of the use and purpose of the region's Congestion Pricing Strategy in this RTP (perhaps in Chapter 2 as part of the Shared Vision section and/or in Chapter 3 as an introduction to key policy moves in this RTP). This could be accompanied by a summary of the Goals, Objectives and Policies (and other RTP elements, such as the financial strategy) that enact that Strategy in the RTP. This would seem to balance the value of a clear and cohesive articulation of the Strategy, with a clearly trackable guide to where and how it is embedded in the document and process to give it the appropriate legal standing and actionability.

PBOT would further recommend considering this approach for all of the major policy updates/additions being addressed in this RTP (for which policy briefs are being developed), including the Regional Mobility Policy, Safe and Healthy Urban Arterials, High Capacity Transit Strategy and Climate Smart Strategy). In addition, we see an opportunity to be able to explain how these policies work together to help achieve the region's adopted outcomes (recognizing that could likely use some more regional discussion to flesh out). For example, a Mobility Policy focusing on moving people and goods rather than vehicles can be supported by the demand management effects of pricing while also generating revenues to reinvest in our Safe and Healthy Urban Arterials and High Capacity Transit Strategies. All of these strategies together can show how the Climate Smart Strategy can demonstrate meeting state required VMT reductions.

**Can or should there be a more consistent way for mobility corridors to include consideration of pricing, and can or should there be additional considerations in Chapter 8 beyond whatever pricing language ends up within other chapters or sections of the RTP?**

Consideration of pricing's ability to manage demand and support mode shift should be clearly included as part of the region's Congestion Management Process and could be applied at a mobility corridor scale in conjunction with project and system evaluation.

As we believe is intended, PBOT would also highlight the importance of integrating pricing into the RTP financial strategy and to be testing various pricing assumptions in conjunction with the model runs on project (and program/policy) scenarios (financially constrained/strategic) to help evaluate how well the RTP performance relative to required state VMT reduction goals and other RTP outcomes/performance measures.

Figure 1 Table from Page 8-9 of RCPS

**Table 2 Steps to Consider when Planning for Pricing**

TransForm's Pricing Roads, Advancing Equity Five Steps	NCHRP Tolling Assessment Steps	GARE Racial Equity Toolkit Steps & Questions	City of Portland Racial Equity Toolkit Worksheet Steps
1. Identify Who, What, and Where	1. Frame the Project 2. Identify the Applicable Requirements Governing Decisions 3. Recognize the Relevant Decision-Makers and Stakeholders	1. Proposal: What is the policy, program, practice, or budget decision under consideration? What are the desired results and outcomes? 2. Data: What's the data? What do the data tell us? 3. Community engagement: How have communities been engaged? Are there opportunities to expand engagement?	1. Set Equitable Outcomes 2. Collect and Analyze Data 3. Understand the Historical Context 4. Engage those most Impacted
2. Define Equity Outcome and Performance Indicators	4. Scope Approach to Measure and Address Impacts	See #1 "Proposal" above	See #1 "Set Equitable Outcomes" above
3. Determining Benefits and Burdens	5. Conduct Impact Analysis and Measurement	4. Analysis and strategies: Who will benefit from or be burdened by your proposal? What are your strategies for advancing racial equity or mitigating unintended consequences?	See #2 "Collect and Analyze Data" above
4. Choose Programs that Advance Transportation Equity	6. Identify and Assess Mitigation Strategies	See #4 "Analysis and Strategies" above	5. Develop Racially Equitable Strategies and Refine Outcomes 6. Implement Changes
5. Provide Accountable Feedback and Evaluation	7. Document Results for Decision Makers and the Public 8. Conduct Post-Implementation Monitoring	5. Accountability and communication: How will you ensure accountability, affordability, communicate, and evaluate results? 6. Implementation: What is your plan for implementation?	7. Evaluate/ Accountability/ Report Back

Figure 2 Table from Page 15 of RCPS

REVENUE INVESTMENT EQUITY MATRIX	
INVESTMENT STRATEGY	EQUITY IMPACTS
Road expansion	Does not add more affordable options.
Mix of road expansion and transit	Some drivers can shift to new, more affordable modes. Transit users also benefit.
Transit, walking, and bike infrastructure with targeted carpool, vanpool, and new mobility options where needed	Allows greater shift to more affordable and sustainable modes.
Transit, walking, and bike infrastructure with an <b>intensive focus on vulnerable communities</b>	Significant expansion of commute options and a reduction in user costs (if fares are reduced on transit and other mobility options).

Source: TransForm



TPAC and MTAC Feedback

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# Attachment 1 - Metro Regional Transportation Plan – Congestion Pricing Policy Overview April 2022 – For TPAC/MTAC Feedback

This document provides an overview of existing policies from the 2018 RTP that are relevant to congestion pricing, along with related findings and recommendations from Metro’s Regional Congestion Pricing Study (RCPS), as well as supportive language from the RCPS and the Expert Review Panel that was convened in April 2021 to review the RCPS. The first column in the table below identifies which one or more of the four RTP priorities (Equity, Safety, Climate, Mobility) relate to each policy.

**Feedback is requested by May 4, 2022.** Please send to [alex.oreschak@oregonmetro.gov](mailto:alex.oreschak@oregonmetro.gov). There is space within this document to provide feedback on each 2018 RTP element, or to provide general thoughts at the bottom of the table. If easier, sending an email with comments in the email body or as a separate attachment is also acceptable.

Additionally, below are questions that Metro staff asked TPAC and MTAC at the April 20, 2022 workshop to consider as they review this information:

- Are these the right policy areas to evaluate?
- Are we missing any important policy topics or gaps?
- What specific policy language would you want to see to update the existing language or address gaps?
- How do we balance the need to respond to and help shape existing projects while at the same time, providing a broad blueprint on pricing that can address future projects that may take different approaches to applying pricing to our system?
- Do we still primarily want pricing to be used to manage congestion and encourage mode shift, or are there other goals and objectives that the RTP should be placing more emphasis on in relation to pricing?
- Should the existing definition of congestion pricing in the 2018 RTP (Transportation Demand Management Policies (3.11)) remain, or be replaced/updated, and whether this definition or another, is this is the right place for pricing to be defined?
- Can or should there be a more consistent way for mobility corridors to include consideration of pricing, and can or should there be additional considerations in Chapter 8 beyond whatever pricing language ends up within other chapters or sections of the RTP?

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<input type="checkbox"/> Equity <input type="checkbox"/> Safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Climate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mobility	<b>Goal 4: Reliability and Efficiency (2-16)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Objective 4.6 Pricing</b> – Expand the use of pricing strategies to manage vehicle congestion and encourage shared trips and use of transit.</li> </ul>	<b>RCPS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Define clear goals and outcomes from the beginning of a pricing program. The program priorities such as mobility, revenues, or equity should inform the program design and implementation strategies. Optimizing for one priority over another can lead to different outcomes. (pg. 84)</li> </ul>	<b>Expert Review Panel</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revenue reinvestment is single most important factor, but pricing is an expensive and difficult way to raise revenue. Pricing should be done for other goals, like congestion and reducing GHG emissions.</li> </ul> <b>RCPS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ...identify and commit to equity indicators to assess the benefits and burdens of pricing. Measurable indicators can and should be established for both outcome equity (such as affordability, access to opportunity, community health) and process equity (community engagement) indicators. (pg. 9-10)</li> </ul>	This objective should be stronger than pricing as a tool to “encourage”. Pricing must be used to expand availability of transit and alternate modes, so that transit can be a viable option for more people who otherwise would have driven. Reducing total trip and trip length as well as providing mitigation for lower-income persons or others who don’t/can’t drive is critical to success of pricing strategies. This objective should also include that pricing supports investments in transit-supportive elements such as transit signal priority, dedicated transit lanes, access to transit improvements” as referenced in the Regional Transit Network Vision and policies of the 2018 RTP.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Equity <input type="checkbox"/> Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Climate <input type="checkbox"/> Mobility	<b>Regional Transportation Equity Policies (3-18)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Policy 1:</b> Integrate consideration of equity into the planning implementation of transportation projects, programs, policies and strategies to comprehensively consider the benefits and impacts of transportation and eliminate disparities and barriers experienced by</li> </ul>	<b>RCPS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Congestion pricing can benefit communities that have been harmed in the past, providing meaningful equity benefits to the region. However, if not done thoughtfully, congestion pricing could harm BIPOC and low-income communities, compounding past injustices. (pg. 85)</li> </ul>	<b>Expert Review Panel</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-creation process partnering with community-based organizations. Focus on organizations that represent region’s low income and BIPOC communities                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Compensate people who are a part of this process.</li> <li>○ Participants should help shape goals and performance metrics, what defines success, help shape policy options, how they would make tradeoffs, help prioritize use of revenues</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	I would recommend adding a policy regarding the implementation of new pricing technologies or collection mechanisms go through this same equity analysis to align with the recommendations of the RCPS. For instance, it would be useful for new pricing of roadways to integrate with TriMet’s low income fare program,



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	<p>marginalized communities, particularly communities of color.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Policy 2.</b> Ensure investments in the transportation system anticipate and minimize the effects of displacement and other affordability impacts on historically marginalized communities, with a focus on communities of color and people with low income.</li> <li>• <b>Policy 4.</b> Use inclusive decision-making processes that provide meaningful opportunities for communities of color, people with low income and other historically marginalized communities to engage and participate in the development and implementation of transportation plans, projects and programs.</li> <li>• <b>Policy 6.</b> Evaluate transportation plans, policies, programs and investments to understand how they address transportation-related disparities and barriers experienced by communities of color, people with low-income and other historically marginalized communities and the extent the disparities are being eliminated.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conduct meaningful engagement and an extensive outreach campaign, including with those who would be most impacted by congestion pricing, to develop a project that works and will gain public and political acceptance. (pg. 85)</li> <li>• Recognize that benefits and impacts of pricing programs will vary across geographies. These variations should inform decisions about where a program should target investments and affordability strategies and in depth outreach. (pg. 84)</li> <li>• Carefully consider how the benefits and costs of congestion pricing impact different geographic and demographic groups. In particular, projects and programs need to conduct detailed analysis to show how to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ maximize benefits (mobility, shift to transit, less emissions, better access to jobs and community places, affordability, and safety)</li> <li>○ address negative impacts (diversion and related congestion on nearby routes, slowing of buses, potential safety issues, costs to low-income travelers, and equity issues). (pg. 84)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Look at outcomes – who pays and what is the distribution of benefits – make sure that providing a disproportionate benefit to most vulnerable communities.</li> <li>• Understand and consider ability to pay as part of the structure – progressive fee structure.</li> <li>• Study people who are spending over 50% of their income on housing.</li> <li>• Use of revenues – focus on improving access and options to the area that is congested/priced, especially improving options for those places that do not have great options today.</li> <li>• Ensure that revenues are being used to support the desired costs and benefits</li> </ul> <p><b>RCPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See table in Figure 1</li> <li>• Selection of particular technologies and methodologies for pricing should consider impacts on different demographic and income groups in the region. Expensive or complex pricing methods may not only unfairly burden transportation disadvantaged travelers and create barriers to entry for them but could also cause these groups to be punitively treated as violators due to their lack of access to the proper technologies... For example, paying tolls should allow those without access to traditional banking services to be able to use alternative payment methods, such as cash payment kiosks at local stores, or to preload a pass account at a retail location. (pg. 75-76)</li> <li>• Improve equity outcomes by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Reducing harm and increasing benefits if agencies are willing to focus engagement on historically impacted residents and other stakeholders traditionally at a disadvantage and ensure they have a role in decision making at every step in the process. (pg. 6)</li> <li>○ Committing to targeted investments of net toll revenues for locally supported improvements such as improved transit infrastructure and services and traffic safety improvements. (pg. 6)</li> <li>○ Exploring who pays and to what degree, and considering a suite of affordability programs such as rebates or exemptions for low-income drivers, a “transportation wallet”, or other investments that address affordability. (pg. 6)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The biggest determinant of whether a congestion pricing program improves equity is how the program is designed— who benefits, how people are charged, and how revenue from congestion pricing strategies is spent (pg. 7)</li> <li>• With substantial community input and collaboration with representatives of impacted communities, agencies should gain consensus on equity definitions and to establish the equitable direction for the project, program, or study. (pg. 9)</li> <li>• Roadway-focused spending disproportionately benefit white people and those that have more means. In the Portland</li> </ul>	<p>Hop Pass and ODOT’s existing Road User charging technologies and systems. I would also support a new policy that commits to targeted investments of net toll revenues for locally supported improvements such as improved transit infrastructure included in the Enhanced Transit and High Capacity Transit Strategy. Engagement with previously marginalized communities, particularly communities of color, must include exploration of what range of mobility is needed and how various potential tools (transit, biking, walking, transit-oriented development, shared mobility, etc.) can address those needs.</p>

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			<p>Metro area, people of color are more likely to rely on transit, walking, and carpooling. Nearly 20% of African American households, 14% of Latino households, and 13% of Asian households live without a car (Source: Metro 2018 RTP). In addition, racial minorities are four times more likely than whites to rely on transit for their work commute. Low-income people, disabled people, and seniors are also much more likely to rely on transit. Government provision of free roads and auto infrastructure acts like a matching grant, whereby those that can afford to own and operate a car are given the benefit. Those that cannot afford auto ownership or that are unable to drive, do not receive the same benefit. Transportation investments that focus on transit, walking, and biking infrastructure, especially if targeted to areas with concentrations of transportation disadvantaged groups can improve equity. Figure 2 (below) demonstrates equity impacts of different investment strategies (pg. 15)</p>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Equity <input type="checkbox"/> Safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Climate <input type="checkbox"/> Mobility	<p><b>Climate Smart Strategy policies (3.2.3.2)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Policy 2.</b> Make transit convenient, frequent, accessible and affordable.</li> <li>• <b>Policy 5.</b> Use technology to actively manage the transportation system and ensure that new and emerging technology affecting the region’s transportation system supports shared trips and other Climate Smart Strategy policy and strategies.</li> <li>• <b>Policy 6.</b> Provide information and incentives to expand the use of travel options.</li> <li>• <b>Policy 7.</b> Make efficient use of vehicle parking spaces through parking management and reducing the amount of land dedicated to parking.</li> <li>• <b>Policy 9.</b> Secure adequate funding for transportation investments that support the RTP climate leadership goal and objectives.</li> </ul>	<p><b>RCPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The success of a specific project or program is largely based on how it is developed and implemented requiring detailed analysis, outreach, monitoring, and incorporation of best practices. (pg. 85)</li> <li>• ...projects and programs need to conduct detailed analysis to show how to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ maximize benefits (mobility, shift to transit, less emissions, better access to jobs and community places, affordability, and safety)</li> <li>○ address negative impacts (diversion and related congestion on nearby routes, slowing of buses, potential safety issues, costs to low-income travelers, and equity issues). (pg. 84)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Expert Review Panel</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build multimodal elements into program design. You can’t mitigate your way out of an inequitable program design.</li> <li>• Incentivize mode shift. All aspects should be part of this, including use of revenues. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Provide and fund alternatives to driving</li> <li>○ Commuter credits</li> <li>○ Use revenues to provide funds for transit passes</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Ideas for alternatives to driving and vehicle ownership that could be subsidized <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cash on transit card,</li> <li>○ EV carshare, including to affordable housing sites</li> <li>○ Transit passes</li> <li>○ Discounted rideshare rides</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The thing that really moves the needle on VMT reduction is auto ownership. How to encourage people to not need/want cars. Densify transit.</li> <li>• Subsidize the ongoing operation and maintenance of transit.</li> <li>• Small investments in striping bike lanes, pedestrian walkways, and similar things can help to solve the first/last mile between transit and key employment hubs.</li> </ul> <p><b>RCPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve equity outcomes by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Committing to targeted investments of net toll revenues for locally supported improvements such as improved transit infrastructure and services and traffic safety improvements. (pg. 6)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. I would add a policy that any use of pricing to help meet climate goals should maximize benefits and that revenue must directly be used to address negative impacts as noted in the RCPS.</li> <li>2. I would expand policy 9 to add “and help us to meet our mode share goals”</li> <li>3. This, and other statements, need to address current limitation on congestion pricing revenues being invested in transit. To add new transit service as a mitigation for tolling, new revenue must be dedicated to transit operations.</li> </ol>
<input type="checkbox"/> Equity <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Climate <input type="checkbox"/> Mobility	<p><b>Safety and Security Policies (3.2.1.4)</b></p> <p><b>Policy 4.</b> Increase safety for all modes of travel for all people through the planning, design,</p>	<p><b>RCPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build equity, safety, and affordability into the project definition so a holistic project that meets</li> </ul>	<p><b>RCPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Once indicators have been selected, agencies should conduct the necessary assessments to identify the extent to which the identified populations of concern are impacted by project or</li> </ul>	<p>This policy should also focus on overall trip reduction. Though lower-speed crashes are less likely to result in</p>

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	<p>construction, operation and maintenance of the transportation system, with a focus on reducing vehicle speeds.</p>	<p>the need of the community is developed rather than adding “mitigations” later. (pg. 85)</p>	<p>program alternatives. Special attention should be placed on travelers by geography, mode, and demographics of interest. (pg. 11)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In depth analysis with modeling and mapping can show the geographies where benefits and impacts are likely to occur with a project. This analysis can help project implementers to understand where to focus investments (and outreach) and what types of investments make sense to improve equity. (pg. 12)</li> <li>• Agencies and communities will need to strike a balance between affordability programs and the kinds of strategies that can best increase access to opportunity, mode shift, improve community health/safety, or other desirable outcomes. (pg. 12)</li> <li>• ...resources should be provided to lower income communities and neighborhoods that are in the vicinity of roadways being considered in pricing scenarios. Some potential resources for these communities should include introducing programs to dedicate pricing revenues to affordability programs for low-income auto-users, public transit improvements, and bicycle and pedestrian improvements in communities faced with heavy congestion and health disparities. (pg. 21)</li> </ul>	<p>death, we know that reduced travel volumes lead to fewer total crashes.</p> <p>Consider adding something about the safety track record for transit and other mitigations.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Equity <input type="checkbox"/> Safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Climate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mobility	<p><b>Transportation Demand Management Policies (3.11)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Policy 1</b> – Expand use of pricing strategies to manage travel demand on the transportation system in combination with adequate transit service options.</li> <li>• <b>Table 3.10</b> Examples of TSMO strategies and investments</li> </ul> <p>The policy further defines the suite of pricing strategies as involving “<i>the application of market pricing (through variable tolls, variable priced lanes, area-wide charges or cordon charges) to the use of roadways at different times of day...this strategy manages peak use on limited roadway infrastructure by providing an incentive for drivers to select other modes, routes, destinations or times of day for their travels. Reducing discretionary peak hour travel helps the system operate more efficiently improving mobility and reliability of the transportation system while limiting vehicle miles traveled and congestion-related auto emissions.....</i>”</p>	<p><b>RCPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Congestion pricing can be used to improve mobility and reduce emissions. This study demonstrated how these tools could work with the region’s land use and transportation system. (pg. 84)</li> <li>• ...projects and programs need to conduct detailed analysis to show how to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ maximize benefits (mobility, shift to transit, less emissions, better access to jobs and community places, affordability, and safety)</li> <li>○ address negative impacts (diversion and related congestion on nearby routes, slowing of buses, potential safety issues, costs to low-income travelers, and equity issues). (pg. 84)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Expert Review Panel</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incentivize mode shift. All aspects should be part of this, including use of revenues. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Provide and fund alternatives to driving</li> <li>○ Commuter credits</li> <li>○ Use revenues to provide funds for transit passes</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Ideas for alternatives to driving and vehicle ownership that could be subsidized <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cash on transit card,</li> <li>○ EV carshare, including to affordable housing sites</li> <li>○ Transit passes</li> <li>○ Discounted rideshare rides</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Expand Policy 1 to add “and investments in transit-supportive elements such as transit signal priority, dedicated transit lanes, access to transit improvements” as referenced in the Regional Transit Network Vision and policies of the 2018 RTP.</p> <p>Consider further statement that provides financial support for transit services that encourage transit-oriented development and reduced VMT</p>

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	<p>The policy also discusses ODOT work on congestion pricing at the time of the 2018 RTP's publication: <i>Through the end of 2018, ODOT conducted a feasibility analysis to explore the options available and determine how congestion (value) pricing could help ease congestion in the greater Portland area. Oregon's House Bill 2017, also known as Keep Oregon Moving, directs the Oregon Transportation Commission to develop a proposal for value pricing on I-5 and I-205 from the state line to the junction of the two freeways just south of Tualatin, to reduce congestion. The State Legislature directed the OTC to seek approval from the Federal Highway Administration no later than December 31, 2018. If FHWA approves the proposal, the OTC is required to implement value pricing. See Chapter 8 for more information about future planning and analysis of this strategy.</i></p>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Equity <input type="checkbox"/> Safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Climate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mobility	<p><b>Regional Motor Vehicle Network Policies (3.5)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Policy 6</b> – In combination with increased transit service, consider use of value pricing to manage congestion and raise revenue when one or more lanes are being added to throughways.</li> <li>• <b>Policy 12</b> – Prior to adding new motor vehicle capacity beyond the planned system of motor vehicle through lanes, demonstrate that system and demand management strategies, including access management, transit and freight priority and value pricing, transit service and multimodal connectivity improvements cannot adequately address arterial or throughway deficiencies and bottlenecks.</li> <li>• <b>Table 3.7</b> Toolbox of strategies to address congestion in the region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Emerging: Congestion Pricing Strategies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Peak Period Pricing</li> <li>▪ Managed Lanes</li> <li>▪ High Occupancy Toll Lanes</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Appendix L:</b> Federal performance-based planning and congestion management process documentation</li> </ul>	<p><b>RCPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All eight pricing scenarios reduced daily vehicle miles traveled. The VMT C scenario provided the greatest reduction (approximately 7.5%), while the Parking A scenario showed the smallest reduction (approximately 0.9%) (pg. 49)</li> <li>• Six of the eight pricing scenarios showed a decrease in total vehicle hours of delay (approximately 7% to 39%). The two Cordon scenarios showed increases (approximately 5% to 7%). While the two Roadway scenarios showed the greatest decrease in freeway vehicle hours of delay (approximately 35% to 38%), they both also showed an increase in arterial vehicle hours of delay (approximately 6% to 29%) (pg. 52)</li> </ul>	<p><b>RCPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leaders in the Metro region have long recognized the importance of pairing investments in transportation capacity building with travel demand management tools. The 2018 RTP identified congestion pricing as a high priority, high impact strategy (pg. 1)</li> <li>• Stockholm: The congestion pricing program has reduced traffic by 22% and greenhouse gas emissions by 14%. Program revenues have funded 18 new regional bus lines and 2,800 new regional park-and-ride spaces (pg. 82)</li> <li>• London: Prior to congestion pricing, traffic in central London averaged 2-5 mph. Since implementation, the average traffic speed has increased to 10 mph.17 London increased bus service in the pricing zone by 27%, improving transit reliability and travel times. As a result, bus ridership increased 38% in two years (pg. 82)</li> <li>• New York City: In 2019, New York City implemented a congestion zone surcharge on for-hire vehicles (like taxis, Uber and Lyft) in Manhattan as part of its phased approach to pricing. Future phases, planned for implementation in 2021, include a vehicle fee for crossing into a specified zone. Revenues collected from the program will be reinvested into capital transit projects, particularly in the city's subway system. (pg. 82)</li> </ul>	<p>Support these existing policies.</p>

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Equity <input type="checkbox"/> Safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Climate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mobility	<b>Emerging Technology Policies (3.2.4.3)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Policy 3.</b> Use the best available data to empower travelers to make travel choices and to plan and manage the transportation system.</li> <li>• <b>Policy 4.</b> Advance the public interest by anticipating, learning from and adapting to new development in technology.</li> </ul>	<b>RCPS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordinate with other pricing programs, including analysis of cumulative impacts and consideration of shared payment technologies, to reduce user confusion and ensure success of a program. (pg. 85)</li> </ul>	<b>RCPS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Selection of particular technologies and methodologies for pricing should consider impacts on different demographic and income groups in the region. Expensive or complex pricing methods may not only unfairly burden transportation disadvantaged travelers and create barriers to entry for them but could also cause these groups to be punitively treated as violators due to their lack of access to the proper technologies... For example, paying tolls should allow those without access to traditional banking services to be able to use alternative payment methods, such as cash payment kiosks at local stores, or to preload a pass account at a retail location. (pg. 75-76)</li> <li>• Deploying existing technologies will likely be less expensive to implement and reduce scheduling risks compared to deploying emerging or in-development technologies. Implementing existing technologies does need to be weighed against the risk of the technology becoming obsolete in the near future or being vulnerable to future market disruptors. (pg. 75)</li> <li>• Keeping in mind coordination with other pricing programs will go a long way towards creating a more seamless customer experience for travelers. In particular, ODOT is planning to implement tolling on Interstates in the Portland region, so adopting common technologies and payment systems may be advantageous in order to reduce duplicative efforts and provide savings through economies of scale. (pg. 75)</li> </ul>	Coordinate with controlling jurisdictions to ensure that mobility data is available for all users. E.g., for TNCs to operate in a jurisdiction, they should be required to provide connections to data about availability, allowing multi-modal trip planning across modes and across brands.
<input type="checkbox"/> Equity <input type="checkbox"/> Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Climate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mobility	Various mobility corridors identify congestion pricing for consideration.			

Additional thoughts from TPAC/MTAC Members:

- Are these the right policy areas to evaluate?
  - Pricing also needs to be included in and evaluated in the RTP Equitable Finance Strategy
  - There needs to be a comprehensive policy discussion about how to address the fact that the revenues from pricing are currently restricted from some uses such as transit service that are the best mitigations for impacts of pricing and the best companion tools for managing congestion
- Are we missing any important policy topics or gaps?
  - I think there is a need to include language regarding the need for integration of various pricing mechanisms and technologies.
  - There should be mechanisms for assessment, review and adjustment included in policy to evaluate effectiveness and outcomes of pricing policy.
  - Pricing is a tool to meet our climate and air quality goals and reduce VMT and that should be reflected in this update.
- What specific policy language would you want to see to update the existing language or address gaps?
  - Will respond at the next draft. There needs to be alignment between the Regional Transit Network Policies (page 3-32 of 2018 RTP) and the region's pricing policies to truly provide alternatives to manage demand.
- How do we balance the need to respond to and help shape existing projects while at the same time, providing a broad blueprint on pricing that can address future projects that may take different approaches to applying pricing to our system?
  - There should be explicit mention of coordination on the Regional Mobility Pricing Project in the alignment of these policy updates, while also incorporating policy language and analysis of the variety of types of pricing under consideration
- Do we still primarily want pricing to be used to manage congestion and encourage mode shift, or are there other goals and objectives that the RTP should be placing more emphasis on in relation to pricing?
  - Yes, but the policy must acknowledge that pricing is a revenue mechanism, and that revenue must be used for congestion management and comprehensive investments to support mode shift and VMT reduction. If the region's goal of pricing is demand management, then highway and roadway infrastructure expansion cannot be the primary beneficiary of pricing revenue.
  - Again, there needs to be a comprehensive policy discussion about how to address the fact that the revenues from pricing are currently restricted from some uses such as transit service that are the best mitigations for impacts of pricing and the best companion tools for managing congestion.
- Should the existing definition of congestion pricing in the 2018 RTP (Transportation Demand Management Policies (3.11)) remain, or be replaced/updated, and whether this definition or another, is this is the right place for pricing to be defined?
  - Yes it should remain in this section, but this policy area is broader than transportation demand management so it needs to ensure that is reflected in a new definition.
- Can or should there be a more consistent way for mobility corridors to include consideration of pricing, and can or should there be additional considerations in Chapter 8 beyond whatever pricing language ends up within other chapters or sections of the RTP?
  - Our interest is in how to more clearly tie pricing with improvements for transportation choices in corridors where enhanced or high capacity transit already exists or is planned.
  - The Mobility Corridor Strategies and Healthy Urban Arterials strategies update could include initial evaluation of whether there are additional pricing strategies under consideration to more effectively manage the needs of these roadways.



Figure 1 Table from Page 8-9 of RCPS

**Table 2 Steps to Consider when Planning for Pricing**

TransForm's Pricing Roads, Advancing Equity Five Steps	NCHRP Tolling Assessment Steps	GARE Racial Equity Toolkit Steps & Questions	City of Portland Racial Equity Toolkit Worksheet Steps
1. Identify Who, What, and Where	1. Frame the Project 2. Identify the Applicable Requirements Governing Decisions 3. Recognize the Relevant Decision-Makers and Stakeholders	1. Proposal: What is the policy, program, practice, or budget decision under consideration? What are the desired results and outcomes? 2. Data: What's the data? What do the data tell us? 3. Community engagement: How have communities been engaged? Are there opportunities to expand engagement?	1. Set Equitable Outcomes 2. Collect and Analyze Data 3. Understand the Historical Context 4. Engage those most Impacted
2. Define Equity Outcome and Performance Indicators	4. Scope Approach to Measure and Address Impacts	See #1 "Proposal" above	See #1 "Set Equitable Outcomes" above
3. Determining Benefits and Burdens	5. Conduct Impact Analysis and Measurement	4. Analysis and strategies: Who will benefit from or be burdened by your proposal? What are your strategies for advancing racial equity or mitigating unintended consequences?	See #2 "Collect and Analyze Data" above
4. Choose Programs that Advance Transportation Equity	6. Identify and Assess Mitigation Strategies	See #4 "Analysis and Strategies" above	5. Develop Racially Equitable Strategies and Refine Outcomes 6. Implement Changes
5. Provide Accountable Feedback and Evaluation	7. Document Results for Decision Makers and the Public 8. Conduct Post-Implementation Monitoring	5. Accountability and communication: How will you ensure accountability, affordability, communicate, and evaluate results? 6. Implementation: What is your plan for implementation?	7. Evaluate/ Accountability/ Report Back

Figure 2 Table from Page 15 of RCPS

REVENUE INVESTMENT EQUITY MATRIX	
INVESTMENT STRATEGY	EQUITY IMPACTS
<b>Road expansion</b>	Does not add more affordable options.
<b>Mix of road expansion and transit</b>	Some drivers can shift to new, more affordable modes. Transit users also benefit.
<b>Transit, walking, and bike infrastructure with targeted carpool, vanpool, and new mobility options where needed</b>	Allows greater shift to more affordable and sustainable modes.
<b>Transit, walking, and bike infrastructure with an intensive focus on vulnerable communities</b>	Significant expansion of commute options and a reduction in user costs (if fares are reduced on transit and other mobility options).

Source: TransForm

TPAC and MTAC Feedback

# Washington County

May 2022



# Attachment 1 - Metro Regional Transportation Plan – Congestion Pricing Policy Overview April 2022 – For TPAC/MTAC Feedback

This document provides an overview of existing policies from the 2018 RTP that are relevant to congestion pricing, along with related findings and recommendations from Metro’s Regional Congestion Pricing Study (RCPS), as well as supportive language from the RCPS and the Expert Review Panel that was convened in April 2021 to review the RCPS. The first column in the table below identifies which one or more of the four RTP priorities (Equity, Safety, Climate, Mobility) relate to each policy.

**Feedback is requested by May 4, 2022.** Please send to [alex.oreschak@oregonmetro.gov](mailto:alex.oreschak@oregonmetro.gov). There is space within this document to provide feedback on each 2018 RTP element, or to provide general thoughts at the bottom of the table. If easier, sending an email with comments in the email body or as a separate attachment is also acceptable.

Additionally, below are questions that Metro staff asked TPAC and MTAC at the April 20, 2022 workshop to consider as they review this information:

- Are these the right policy areas to evaluate?
- Are we missing any important policy topics or gaps?
- What specific policy language would you want to see to update the existing language or address gaps?
- How do we balance the need to respond to and help shape existing projects while at the same time, providing a broad blueprint on pricing that can address future projects that may take different approaches to applying pricing to our system?
- Do we still primarily want pricing to be used to manage congestion and encourage mode shift, or are there other goals and objectives that the RTP should be placing more emphasis on in relation to pricing?
- Should the existing definition of congestion pricing in the 2018 RTP (Transportation Demand Management Policies (3.11)) remain, or be replaced/updated, and whether this definition or another, is this is the right place for pricing to be defined?
- Can or should there be a more consistent way for mobility corridors to include consideration of pricing, and can or should there be additional considerations in Chapter 8 beyond whatever pricing language ends up within other chapters or sections of the RTP?

Outcome	Existing <i>Relevant</i> Policies in 2018 RTP	Findings and Recommendations from RCPS	Supportive language from RCPS and Expert Review Panel	TPAC/MTAC Feedback
<input type="checkbox"/> Equity <input type="checkbox"/> Safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Climate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mobility	<b>Goal 4: Reliability and Efficiency (2-16)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Objective 4.6 Pricing</b> – Expand the use of pricing strategies to manage vehicle congestion and encourage shared trips and use of transit.</li> </ul>	<b>RCPS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Define clear goals and outcomes from the beginning of a pricing program. The program priorities such as mobility, revenues, or equity should inform the program design and implementation strategies. Optimizing for one priority over another can lead to different outcomes. (pg. 84)</li> </ul>	<b>Expert Review Panel</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revenue reinvestment is single most important factor, but pricing is an expensive and difficult way to raise revenue. Pricing should be done for other goals, like congestion and reducing GHG emissions.</li> </ul> <b>RCPS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ...identify and commit to equity indicators to assess the benefits and burdens of pricing. Measurable indicators can and should be established for both outcome equity (such as affordability, access to opportunity, community health) and process equity (community engagement) indicators. (pg. 9-10)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Like goal 4 language – assuming it means reliability and efficiency on the road network as well – meaning create a functional system</li> <li>• RCPS Yes, define clear goals – which need to relate to the problem that needs to be solved- it could vary by facility, pricing type, or location.</li> <li>• ERP Yes monitor benefits and burdens – and tons of other measures</li> </ul>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Equity <input type="checkbox"/> Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Climate <input type="checkbox"/> Mobility	<b>Regional Transportation Equity Policies (3-18)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Policy 1:</b> Integrate consideration of equity into the planning implementation of transportation projects, programs, policies and strategies to comprehensively consider the benefits and impacts of transportation and eliminate disparities and barriers experienced by marginalized communities, particularly communities of color.</li> <li>• <b>Policy 2.</b> Ensure investments in the transportation system anticipate and minimize the effects of displacement and other affordability impacts on historically marginalized communities,</li> </ul>	<b>RCPS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Congestion pricing can benefit communities that have been harmed in the past, providing meaningful equity benefits to the region. However, if not done thoughtfully, congestion pricing could harm BIPOC and low-income communities, compounding past injustices. (pg. 85)</li> <li>• Conduct meaningful engagement and an extensive outreach campaign, including with those who would be most impacted by congestion pricing, to develop a project that works and will gain public and political acceptance. (pg. 85)</li> <li>• Recognize that benefits and impacts of pricing programs will vary across geographies. These variations should inform decisions about where a program should target investments and</li> </ul>	<b>Expert Review Panel</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-creation process partnering with community-based organizations. Focus on organizations that represent region’s low income and BIPOC communities               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Compensate people who are a part of this process.</li> <li>○ Participants should help shape goals and performance metrics, what defines success, help shape policy options, how they would make tradeoffs, help prioritize use of revenues</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Look at outcomes – who pays and what is the distribution of benefits – make sure that providing a disproportionate benefit to most vulnerable communities.</li> <li>• Understand and consider ability to pay as part of the structure – progressive fee structure.</li> <li>• Study people who are spending over 50% of their income on housing.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No comment on equity policies-</li> <li>• Agree on get public and political acceptance; recognize that it will take time to get it; likely after operation starts and be ongoing</li> <li>• Support a progressive fee structure with strategies for low income drivers – don’t add complexity of higher fees for higher income</li> <li>• Under RCSP benefits and costs study -measure effect of investments to shift modes and prioritize those that shift modes to mitigate impacts</li> </ul>

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	<p>with a focus on communities of color and people with low income.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Policy 4.</b> Use inclusive decision-making processes that provide meaningful opportunities for communities of color, people with low income and other historically marginalized communities to engage and participate in the development and implementation of transportation plans, projects and programs.</li> <li>• <b>Policy 6.</b> Evaluate transportation plans, policies, programs and investments to understand how they address transportation-related disparities and barriers experienced by communities of color, people with low-income and other historically marginalized communities and the extent the disparities are being eliminated.</li> </ul>	<p>affordability strategies and in depth outreach. (pg. 84)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carefully consider how the benefits and costs of congestion pricing impact different geographic and demographic groups. In particular, projects and programs need to conduct detailed analysis to show how to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ maximize benefits (mobility, shift to transit, less emissions, better access to jobs and community places, affordability, and safety)</li> <li>○ address negative impacts (diversion and related congestion on nearby routes, slowing of buses, potential safety issues, costs to low-income travelers, and equity issues). (pg. 84)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of revenues – focus on improving access and options to the area that is congested/priced, especially improving options for those places that do not have great options today.</li> <li>• Ensure that revenues are being used to support the desired costs and benefits</li> </ul> <p><b>RCPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See table in Figure 1</li> <li>• Selection of particular technologies and methodologies for pricing should consider impacts on different demographic and income groups in the region. Expensive or complex pricing methods may not only unfairly burden transportation disadvantaged travelers and create barriers to entry for them but could also cause these groups to be punitively treated as violators due to their lack of access to the proper technologies... For example, paying tolls should allow those without access to traditional banking services to be able to use alternative payment methods, such as cash payment kiosks at local stores, or to preload a pass account at a retail location. (pg. 75-76)</li> <li>• Improve equity outcomes by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Reducing harm and increasing benefits if agencies are willing to focus engagement on historically impacted residents and other stakeholders traditionally at a disadvantage and ensure they have a role in decision making at every step in the process. (pg. 6)</li> <li>○ Committing to targeted investments of net toll revenues for locally supported improvements such as improved transit infrastructure and services and traffic safety improvements. (pg. 6)</li> <li>○ Exploring who pays and to what degree, and considering a suite of affordability programs such as rebates or exemptions for low-income drivers, a “transportation wallet”, or other investments that address affordability. (pg. 6)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The biggest determinant of whether a congestion pricing program improves equity is how the program is designed— who benefits, how people are charged, and how revenue from congestion pricing strategies is spent (pg. 7)</li> <li>• With substantial community input and collaboration with representatives of impacted communities, agencies should gain consensus on equity definitions and to establish the equitable direction for the project, program, or study. (pg. 9)</li> <li>• Roadway-focused spending disproportionately benefit white people and those that have more means. In the Portland Metro area, people of color are more likely to rely on transit, walking, and carpooling. Nearly 20% of African American households, 14% of Latino households, and 13% of Asian households live without a car (Source: Metro 2018 RTP). In addition, racial minorities are four times more likely than whites to rely on transit for their work commute. Low-income people, disabled people, and seniors are also much more likely</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Per ERP – yes study lots during implementation and be ok revising operations/policies over time</li> </ul>



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			<p>to rely on transit. Government provision of free roads and auto infrastructure acts like a matching grant, whereby those that can afford to own and operate a car are given the benefit. Those that cannot afford auto ownership or that are unable to drive, do not receive the same benefit. Transportation investments that focus on transit, walking, and biking infrastructure, especially if targeted to areas with concentrations of transportation disadvantaged groups can improve equity. Figure 2 (below) demonstrates equity impacts of different investment strategies (pg. 15)</p>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Equity <input type="checkbox"/> Safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Climate <input type="checkbox"/> Mobility	<p><b>Climate Smart Strategy policies (3.2.3.2)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Policy 2.</b> Make transit convenient, frequent, accessible and affordable.</li> <li>• <b>Policy 5.</b> Use technology to actively manage the transportation system and ensure that new and emerging technology affecting the region’s transportation system supports shared trips and other Climate Smart Strategy policy and strategies.</li> <li>• <b>Policy 6.</b> Provide information and incentives to expand the use of travel options.</li> <li>• <b>Policy 7.</b> Make efficient use of vehicle parking spaces through parking management and reducing the amount of land dedicated to parking.</li> <li>• <b>Policy 9.</b> Secure adequate funding for transportation investments that support the RTP climate leadership goal and objectives.</li> </ul>	<p><b>RCPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The success of a specific project or program is largely based on how it is developed and implemented requiring detailed analysis, outreach, monitoring, and incorporation of best practices. (pg. 85)</li> <li>• ...projects and programs need to conduct detailed analysis to show how to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ maximize benefits (mobility, shift to transit, less emissions, better access to jobs and community places, affordability, and safety)</li> <li>○ address negative impacts (diversion and related congestion on nearby routes, slowing of buses, potential safety issues, costs to low-income travelers, and equity issues). (pg. 84)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Expert Review Panel</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build multimodal elements into program design. You can’t mitigate your way out of an inequitable program design.</li> <li>• Incentivize mode shift. All aspects should be part of this, including use of revenues. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Provide and fund alternatives to driving</li> <li>○ Commuter credits</li> <li>○ Use revenues to provide funds for transit passes</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Ideas for alternatives to driving and vehicle ownership that could be subsidized <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cash on transit card,</li> <li>○ EV carshare, including to affordable housing sites</li> <li>○ Transit passes</li> <li>○ Discounted rideshare rides</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The thing that really moves the needle on VMT reduction is auto ownership. How to encourage people to not need/want cars. Densify transit.</li> <li>• Subsidize the ongoing operation and maintenance of transit.</li> <li>• Small investments in striping bike lanes, pedestrian walkways, and similar things can help to solve the first/last mile between transit and key employment hubs.</li> </ul> <p><b>RCPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve equity outcomes by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Committing to targeted investments of net toll revenues for locally supported improvements such as improved transit infrastructure and services and traffic safety improvements. (pg. 6)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policy 9 – support adequate funding – is a bit vague because we may never have adequate funding – drop adequate?</li> <li>• Policy 7 doesn’t mention parking pricing – may need to add per CFEC</li> <li>• Per RCPS – yes measure benefits/impacts – include analysis of economic impacts and benefits of a safe and reliable transportation system and shared prosperity (eg reduced delay, shipping/goods movement, job access etc</li> <li>• Per ERP – support including multimodal elements – not necessarily on opening day due to timelines, but include in plan – this may help with public acceptance too.</li> <li>• Per ERP – recognize some are going to need cars due to employment types/locations</li> <li>• Per RCPS – commit to targeted net toll investments with best mode shift, safety, reliability effectiveness</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/> Equity <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Climate <input type="checkbox"/> Mobility	<p><b>Safety and Security Policies (3.2.1.4)</b></p> <p><b>Policy 4.</b> Increase safety for all modes of travel for all people through the planning, design, construction, operation and maintenance of the transportation system, with a focus on reducing vehicle speeds.</p>	<p><b>RCPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build equity, safety, and affordability into the project definition so a holistic project that meets the need of the community is developed rather than adding “mitigations” later. (pg. 85)</li> </ul>	<p><b>RCPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Once indicators have been selected, agencies should conduct the necessary assessments to identify the extent to which the identified populations of concern are impacted by project or program alternatives. Special attention should be placed on travelers by geography, mode, and demographics of interest. (pg. 11)</li> <li>• In depth analysis with modeling and mapping can show the geographies where benefits and impacts are likely to occur with a project. This analysis can help project implementers to understand where to focus investments (and outreach) and</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policy 4 – drop the bit about reducing speeds if this is for pricing on freeways. The safety focus can include new technologies to help alert/reduce crashes or access management – maybe this policy doesn’t need to relate to pricing</li> </ul>



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			<p>what types of investments make sense to improve equity. (pg. 12)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agencies and communities will need to strike a balance between affordability programs and the kinds of strategies that can best increase access to opportunity, mode shift, improve community health/safety, or other desirable outcomes. (pg. 12)</li> <li>...resources should be provided to lower income communities and neighborhoods that are in the vicinity of roadways being considered in pricing scenarios. Some potential resources for these communities should include introducing programs to dedicate pricing revenues to affordability programs for low-income auto-users, public transit improvements, and bicycle and pedestrian improvements in communities faced with heavy congestion and health disparities. (pg. 21)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Per RCPS – define community broadly when pricing impacts region and state</li> <li>Per RPCS/ERP – we will never know all before operations – need ongoing monitoring and ability to adjust – not all can be done with modeling/data in advance</li> <li>Per ERP – consider impacts regionally in addition to direct local impacts; agree with need to support most directly impacted communities</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/> Equity <input type="checkbox"/> Safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Climate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mobility	<p><b>Transportation Demand Management Policies (3.11)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Policy 1</b> – Expand use of pricing strategies to manage travel demand on the transportation system in combination with adequate transit service options.</li> <li><b>Table 3.10</b> Examples of TSMO strategies and investments</li> </ul> <p>The policy further defines the suite of pricing strategies as involving <i>“the application of market pricing (through variable tolls, variable priced lanes, area-wide charges or cordon charges) to the use of roadways at different times of day...this strategy manages peak use on limited roadway infrastructure by providing an incentive for drivers to select other modes, routes, destinations or times of day for their travels. Reducing discretionary peak hour travel helps the system operate more efficiently improving mobility and reliability of the transportation system while limiting vehicle miles traveled and congestion-related auto emissions....”</i></p> <p>The policy also discusses ODOT work on congestion pricing at the time of the 2018 RTP’s publication: <i>Through the end of 2018, ODOT conducted a feasibility analysis to explore the options available and determine how congestion (value) pricing could help ease congestion in the greater Portland area. Oregon’s House Bill 2017, also known as Keep</i></p>	<p><b>RCPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Congestion pricing can be used to improve mobility and reduce emissions. This study demonstrated how these tools could work with the region’s land use and transportation system. (pg. 84)</li> <li>...projects and programs need to conduct detailed analysis to show how to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>maximize benefits (mobility, shift to transit, less emissions, better access to jobs and community places, affordability, and safety)</li> <li>address negative impacts (diversion and related congestion on nearby routes, slowing of buses, potential safety issues, costs to low-income travelers, and equity issues). (pg. 84)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Expert Review Panel</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Incentivize mode shift. All aspects should be part of this, including use of revenues. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide and fund alternatives to driving</li> <li>Commuter credits</li> <li>Use revenues to provide funds for transit passes</li> </ul> </li> <li>Ideas for alternatives to driving and vehicle ownership that could be subsidized <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cash on transit card,</li> <li>EV carshare, including to affordable housing sites</li> <li>Transit passes</li> <li>Discounted rideshare rides</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Table 3.10 – may need to be updated with new technology</li> <li>ERP – all good ideas</li> </ul>

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	<p><i>Oregon Moving, directs the Oregon Transportation Commission to develop a proposal for value pricing on I-5 and I-205 from the state line to the junction of the two freeways just south of Tualatin, to reduce congestion. The State Legislature directed the OTC to seek approval from the Federal Highway Administration no later than December 31, 2018. If FHWA approves the proposal, the OTC is required to implement value pricing. See Chapter 8 for more information about future planning and analysis of this strategy.</i></p>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Equity <input type="checkbox"/> Safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Climate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mobility	<p><b>Regional Motor Vehicle Network Policies (3.5)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Policy 6</b> – In combination with increased transit service, consider use of value pricing to manage congestion and raise revenue when one or more lanes are being added to throughways.</li> <li>• <b>Policy 12</b> – Prior to adding new motor vehicle capacity beyond the planned system of motor vehicle through lanes, demonstrate that system and demand management strategies, including access management, transit and freight priority and value pricing, transit service and multimodal connectivity improvements cannot adequately address arterial or throughway deficiencies and bottlenecks.</li> <li>• <b>Table 3.7</b> Toolbox of strategies to address congestion in the region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Emerging: Congestion Pricing Strategies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Peak Period Pricing</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Managed Lanes</i></li> <li>▪ <i>High Occupancy Toll Lanes</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Appendix L:</b> Federal performance-based planning and congestion management process documentation</li> </ul>	<p><b>RCPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All eight pricing scenarios reduced daily vehicle miles traveled. The VMT C scenario provided the greatest reduction (approximately 7.5%), while the Parking A scenario showed the smallest reduction (approximately 0.9%) (pg. 49)</li> <li>• Six of the eight pricing scenarios showed a decrease in total vehicle hours of delay (approximately 7% to 39%). The two Cordon scenarios showed increases (approximately 5% to 7%). While the two Roadway scenarios showed the greatest decrease in freeway vehicle hours of delay (approximately 35% to 38%), they both also showed an increase in arterial vehicle hours of delay (approximately 6% to 29%) (pg. 52)</li> </ul>	<p><b>RCPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leaders in the Metro region have long recognized the importance of pairing investments in transportation capacity building with travel demand management tools. The 2018 RTP identified congestion pricing as a high priority, high impact strategy (pg. 1)</li> <li>• Stockholm: The congestion pricing program has reduced traffic by 22% and greenhouse gas emissions by 14%. Program revenues have funded 18 new regional bus lines and 2,800 new regional park-and-ride spaces (pg. 82)</li> <li>• London: Prior to congestion pricing, traffic in central London averaged 2-5 mph. Since implementation, the average traffic speed has increased to 10 mph.17 London increased bus service in the pricing zone by 27%, improving transit reliability and travel times. As a result, bus ridership increased 38% in two years (pg. 82)</li> <li>• New York City: In 2019, New York City implemented a congestion zone surcharge on for-hire vehicles (like taxis, Uber and Lyft) in Manhattan as part of its phased approach to pricing. Future phases, planned for implementation in 2021, include a vehicle fee for crossing into a specified zone. Revenues collected from the program will be reinvested into capital transit projects, particularly in the city’s subway system. (pg. 82)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policy 12 – clarify the statement that value pricing must be in effect before adding through lane capacity beyond planned lanes The reference to bottlenecks at the end seems to imply that value pricing is also needed before bottlenecks can be addressed. This would limit our opportunity to address bottlenecks.</li> <li>• Table 3.7 could be updated to reflect broader range of pricing options</li> </ul>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Equity <input type="checkbox"/> Safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Climate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mobility	<p><b>Emerging Technology Policies (3.2.4.3)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Policy 3.</b> Use the best available data to empower travelers to make travel choices and to plan and manage the transportation system.</li> <li>• <b>Policy 4.</b> Advance the public interest by anticipating, learning from and</li> </ul>	<p><b>RCPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordinate with other pricing programs, including analysis of cumulative impacts and consideration of shared payment technologies, to reduce user confusion and ensure success of a program. (pg. 85)</li> </ul>	<p><b>RCPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Selection of particular technologies and methodologies for pricing should consider impacts on different demographic and income groups in the region. Expensive or complex pricing methods may not only unfairly burden transportation disadvantaged travelers and create barriers to entry for them but could also cause these groups to be punitively treated as violators due to their lack of access to the proper</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policy 4 could be more specific to goals of advancing technology.</li> <li>• TCPS – coordination is good idea to extent feasible and not administratively burdensome.</li> </ul>

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	adapting to new development in technology.		<p>technologies... For example, paying tolls should allow those without access to traditional banking services to be able to use alternative payment methods, such as cash payment kiosks at local stores, or to preload a pass account at a retail location. (pg. 75-76)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deploying existing technologies will likely be less expensive to implement and reduce scheduling risks compared to deploying emerging or in-development technologies. Implementing existing technologies does need to be weighed against the risk of the technology becoming obsolete in the near future or being vulnerable to future market disruptors. (pg. 75)</li> <li>• Keeping in mind coordination with other pricing programs will go a long way towards creating a more seamless customer experience for travelers. In particular, ODOT is planning to implement tolling on Interstates in the Portland region, so adopting common technologies and payment systems may be advantageous in order to reduce duplicative efforts and provide savings through economies of scale. (pg. 75)</li> </ul>	<p>At this time – say consider – not saying do it</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RCPS – add these ideas to a technology policy as it applies much more broadly than to pricing – and it will vary by type of pricing. For example – safety technology</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/> Equity <input type="checkbox"/> Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Climate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mobility	Various mobility corridors identify congestion pricing for consideration.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need more consideration of relevance of the mobility corridor concepts based on what we are measuring/considering</li> </ul>

Additional thoughts from TPAC/MTAC Members:

Figure 1 Table from Page 8-9 of RCPS

**Table 2 Steps to Consider when Planning for Pricing**

TransForm's Pricing Roads, Advancing Equity Five Steps	NCHRP Tolling Assessment Steps	GARE Racial Equity Toolkit Steps & Questions	City of Portland Racial Equity Toolkit Worksheet Steps
1. Identify Who, What, and Where	1. Frame the Project 2. Identify the Applicable Requirements Governing Decisions 3. Recognize the Relevant Decision-Makers and Stakeholders	1. Proposal: What is the policy, program, practice, or budget decision under consideration? What are the desired results and outcomes? 2. Data: What's the data? What do the data tell us? 3. Community engagement: How have communities been engaged? Are there opportunities to expand engagement?	1. Set Equitable Outcomes 2. Collect and Analyze Data 3. Understand the Historical Context 4. Engage those most Impacted
2. Define Equity Outcome and Performance Indicators	4. Scope Approach to Measure and Address Impacts	See #1 "Proposal" above	See #1 "Set Equitable Outcomes" above
3. Determining Benefits and Burdens	5. Conduct Impact Analysis and Measurement	4. Analysis and strategies: Who will benefit from or be burdened by your proposal? What are your strategies for advancing racial equity or mitigating unintended consequences?	See #2 "Collect and Analyze Data" above
4. Choose Programs that Advance Transportation Equity	6. Identify and Assess Mitigation Strategies	See #4 "Analysis and Strategies" above	5. Develop Racially Equitable Strategies and Refine Outcomes 6. Implement Changes
5. Provide Accountable Feedback and Evaluation	7. Document Results for Decision Makers and the Public 8. Conduct Post-Implementation Monitoring	5. Accountability and communication: How will you ensure accountability, affordability, communicate, and evaluate results? 6. Implementation: What is your plan for implementation?	7. Evaluate/ Accountability/ Report Back

Figure 2 Table from Page 15 of RCPS

REVENUE INVESTMENT EQUITY MATRIX	
INVESTMENT STRATEGY	EQUITY IMPACTS
Road expansion	Does not add more affordable options.
Mix of road expansion and transit	Some drivers can shift to new, more affordable modes. Transit users also benefit.
Transit, walking, and bike infrastructure with targeted carpool, vanpool, and new mobility options where needed	Allows greater shift to more affordable and sustainable modes.
Transit, walking, and bike infrastructure with an <b>intensive focus on vulnerable communities</b>	Significant expansion of commute options and a reduction in user costs (if fares are reduced on transit and other mobility options).

Source: TransForm



To: Alex Oreschak  
From: Chris Deffebach  
Subject: Comments on Congestion Pricing Overview  
Date: May 4, 2022

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important policy at this early – drafting – stage. Since this is early and new – many of my comments will fall into the ‘I don’t know yet’ category or will be based on what I know now – and will change as we learn more together. My comments are included in the attached spreadsheet.

The biggest challenge I had in preparing comments was thinking of pricing as something beyond the Oregon Toll Program to include parking pricing, cordon pricing, VMT pricing or a single bridge pricing. Each may have different goal and different have different roles for Metro and the RTP.

Original questions (in cover memo):

**Have staff identified the right congestion pricing policy areas in the 2018 RTP?**

These areas look good. Honestly, I’d have to review all the RTP policy areas to be sure.

**Are we missing any important policies or areas where the 2023 RTP update should address congestion pricing?**

I could see adding something under Regional Freight Vision and policy and in the Shared Prosperity Goal. Potentially Fiscal Stewardship and the Transparency and Accountability goals. Also in the transit vision as we increase need for transit investments to support travel options to tolled travel.

**What specific policy language would you like to see included in congestion pricing policy?**

Include a policy to manage demand and provide reliable and safe travel. A goal should be to support mode shift. This would focus revenues to tools that shift mode -not just shifting trip time of day. Successful mode shift would provide equity travel options and reduce diversion and the related safety/congestion/livability/air quality impacts of diversion. The tools for mode shift could vary by type of pricing program and therefore the type of trips. For local trips in a cordon pricing area, for example, this could be promoting bike lanes or pedestrian zones. For tolling on a freeway, the tool to support mode shift would be more regional transit investments.

This would be in addition to tools needed to improve safety and reliability on the road network – and which could vary by type of pricing and level of congestion.

**Questions (in attachment 1):**

- **Are these the right policy areas to evaluate?** See above.



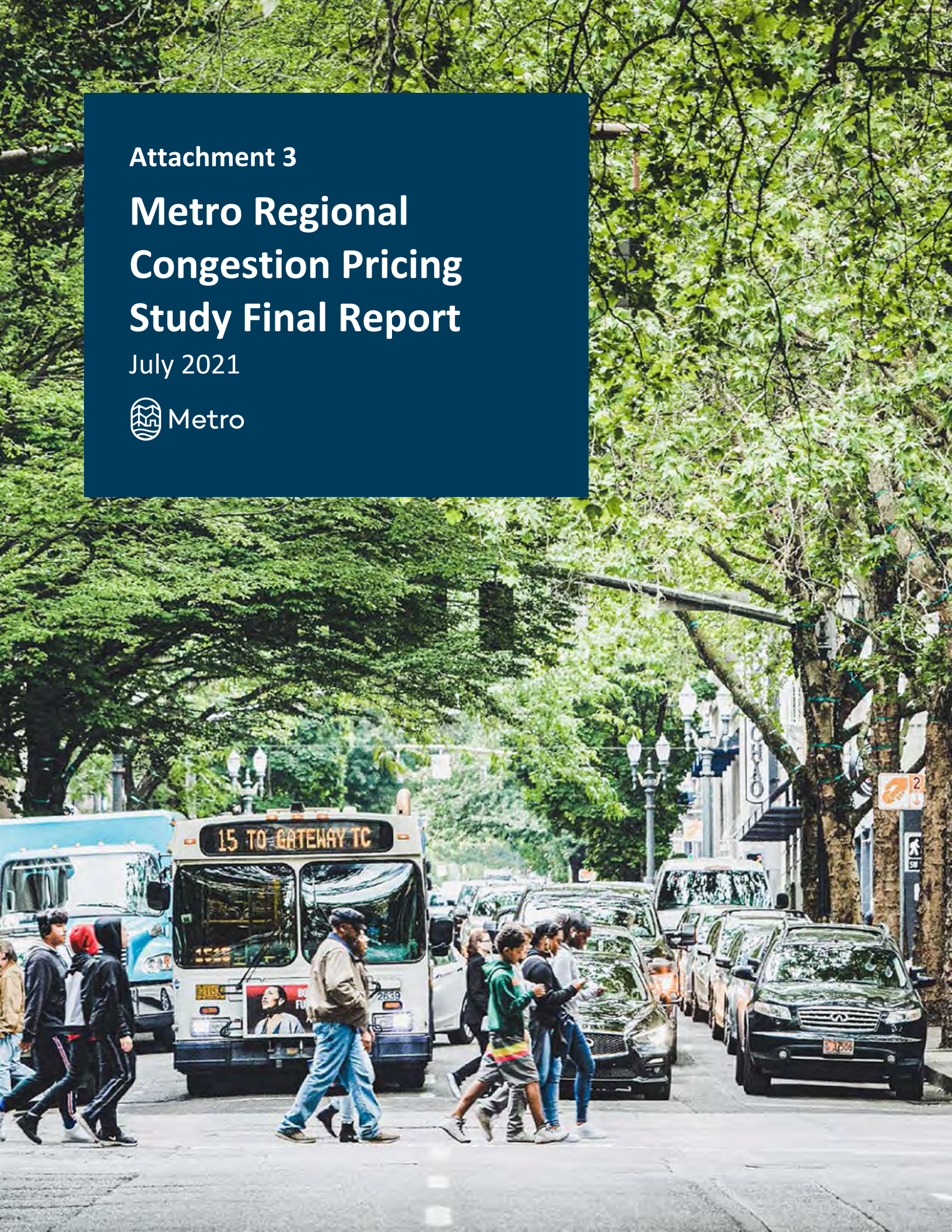
- **Are we missing any important policy topics or gaps?** See above
- **What specific policy language would you want to see to update the existing language or address gaps?** See above and in notes.
- **How do we balance the need to respond to and help shape existing projects while at the same time, providing a broad blueprint on pricing that can address future projects that may take different approaches to applying pricing to our system?** This is a great question. When you say 'existing projects' do you mean the existing transportation system and/or planned projects for construction? I would say we need to continue to promote transportation demand management - increase travel options - and promote awareness of them through WTA and other organizations. A new tool now may be the flexible work home/office environment. For future projects – we will need to be flexible. The basic policy for decades has been that we need to demonstrate we considered options before adding road capacity. The terms or definitions may change and/or the timing for how we consider this– but the general direction is the same. We need to continue to show some flexibility in how we measure how we demonstrate and accomplish this.
- **Do we still primarily want pricing to be used to manage congestion and encourage mode shift, or are there other goals and objectives that the RTP should be placing more emphasis on in relation to pricing?** This is the core goal because it is correlated to providing travel options for those who can't shift time of day of travel and mode shift reduces diversion and its related impacts. Other goals, including providing safe and reliable travel are needed. As part of this policies are needed that offer toll exemptions or reductions for low income drivers– which could vary by type of pricing program. Pricing reductions for parking is different than exemptions for tolls on a freeway.
- **Should the existing definition of congestion pricing in the 2018 RTP (Transportation Demand Management Policies (3.11)) remain, or be replaced/updated, and whether this definition or another, is this is the right place for pricing to be defined?** This is the right place for it to be defined. Pricing is a way to manage the transportation system. I'll be interested in hearing what other ideas people have.
- **Can or should there be a more consistent way for mobility corridors to include consideration of pricing, and can or should there be additional considerations in Chapter 8 beyond whatever pricing language ends up within other chapters or sections of the RTP?** Focusing on mobility corridors seems too narrow of an area for focus because they do not cover the full region and the boundaries may not relate to the pricing tool under consideration. Monitoring changes in travel patterns/mode in mobility corridors could be helpful – I would add the extra north south corridor in Washington County to pick up diversion/rerouting impacts from pricing elsewhere.



Attachment 3

# Metro Regional Congestion Pricing Study Final Report

July 2021







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## Final Report

July 2021



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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## What is this study?

The Metro Regional Congestion Pricing Study explored whether congestion pricing can benefit the Portland metropolitan region. Congestion pricing was identified as a high priority, high impact strategy in the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). A range of scenarios testing different congestion pricing tools helped regional policymakers understand if pricing can help support the region’s four transportation priorities set out in the RTP – climate, congestion, equity, and safety, congestion.





## What was the project timeline?

This study took place over the course of approximately two years. The study included a review of existing conditions within the region, a definition of what scenarios would be considered, research of best practices and input from equity and congestion pricing experts, scenario analysis using Metro’s regional travel demand model, the development of findings and the identification of next steps.



## What pricing strategies did Metro explore?

Metro explored if and how four congestion pricing strategies could support the region’s priorities . When implemented, each of the pricing strategies could vary by time of day, by area/facility, by types of drivers on the road and by income levels. The four congestion pricing strategies are outlined at right.

-  **VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED FEE**  
*Drivers pay a fee for every mile they travel*
-  **CORDON PRICING**  
*Drivers pay to enter an area, like downtown Portland (and sometimes pay to drive within that area)*
-  **ROADWAY PRICING**  
*Drivers pay a fee to drive on a particular road, bridge or highway*
-  **PARKING PRICING**  
*Drivers pay to park in certain areas*

## Who was involved?

This study was led by Metro staff,<sup>1</sup> working closely with the Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC), which was the study's technical advisory committee, the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT), which provided policy direction, and Metro Council, which provided policy direction and overall project guidance. The City of Portland and TriMet were funding partners in the study, and project staff collaborated regularly with the City of Portland and ODOT to leverage and align parallel congestion pricing efforts.

Study methods and findings were reviewed by Metro's Committee on Racial Equity (CORE), the Oregon Department of Transportation's Equity and Mobility Advisory Committee (EMAC), the City of Portland's Pricing Options for Equitable Mobility (POEM) Task Force, and an international Expert Review Panel.<sup>2</sup>

## How does this relate to Metro's partners' work?

Metro, ODOT, and the City of Portland are all working on projects that consider ways to price transportation to address challenges related to equity, climate change, congestion, and safety. Each agency makes decisions for different parts of our region's transportation system. Each has separate projects underway to help address issues specific to those geographies. The three agencies are coordinating their efforts to leverage each other's work, learn from one another and share findings. The findings and analysis in this report provide a foundational understanding of how congestion pricing could perform in the Portland region and also provides important best practices for designing a pricing program that apply throughout the region and state.

## What are the takeaways from the Congestion Pricing Study?




Congestion pricing has the potential to help the greater Portland region meet the priorities outlined in the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan, including reducing congestion and improving mobility, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and improving equity and safety outcomes. However, it depends how pricing is implemented in the region.

Metro used its travel demand model to conduct in-depth modeling and analysis to help regional policymakers understand the potential performance of different types of pricing tools (VMT, cordon, parking, and roadway). Each scenario was analyzed for how well it performed relative to the four regional priorities using performance metrics produced by the model.

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<sup>1</sup> Metro hired a consultant team to support technical analysis and process for this work. The consultant team was led by Nelson\Nygaard and included Sam Schwartz Engineering, HNTB, Silicon Transportation Consultants, TransForm, Mariposa Planning Solutions and PKS International.

<sup>2</sup> Details on Expert Review Panel can be found here:  
<https://www.oregonmetro.gov/sites/default/files/2021/04/07/congestion-pricing-expert-panel-flyer-20210407.pdf>

RTP Goal	Performance Metric
<b>CONGESTION &amp; CLIMATE</b> 	Daily vehicle miles traveled
	Drive alone rate
	Daily transit trips
	Freeway vehicle hours of delay
	Arterial vehicle hours of delay
<b>CLIMATE</b> 	Greenhouse gas and other emissions
<b>EQUITY</b> 	Access to jobs by car
	Access to jobs by transit

Key findings from each scenario are described below.

## VMT

### ***Scenarios tested***

Two scenarios were modeled with a per mileage fee, which was applied to all drivers for every mile driven on every street in the Metropolitan Planning Area. VMT B added a charge of \$0.0685/mile, and VMT C added \$0.132/mile.

### ***Scenario results***

VMT scenarios performed well on all metrics at a regional scale, largely because all driving trips would be charged. Total travel cost would be the highest among the pricing tools studied, but those costs would be the most widely distributed compared to other pricing options.

### ***Equity spotlight***

Some Equity Focus Areas experienced a combination of higher costs without significant improvement in jobs access. Mobility improved in much of the region and jobs access improved. There were also reductions in harmful emissions.

### ***Future considerations***

A VMT pricing program should consider whether drivers who would pay more have viable alternatives to driving, and could focus on investments (transit, pedestrian, or bicycling infrastructure) or provide discounts or caps on charges for groups that would be disproportionately impacted, either because of where they live or their ability to pay.

# Cordon

## ***Scenarios tested***

A fee was applied to drivers entering into a specific area. Cordon A encompassed downtown Portland, South Waterfront, and parts of Northwest Portland. Cordon B included the entirety of Cordon A, as well as the Central Eastside Industrial District and the Lloyd District. Drivers who traveled through the cordon area, but remained on the freeways or highways, were not assessed a charge. The cordon charge was \$5.63.

## ***Scenario results***

The cordons studied resulted in relatively high mode shift to transit, indicating that adding a charge for drivers in areas with good transit infrastructure could successfully shift travel modes. However, the diversion onto the nearby uncharged facilities that increased vehicle delay and decreased job access by auto would need to be explored in greater depth.

## ***Equity spotlight***

Areas inside the cordon boundary experienced lower costs and higher jobs access because of the decreasing traffic within the cordon as drivers avoided through trips and diverted to throughways and arterials adjacent to the corridor. This would be a direct benefit to communities of color and low-income households that live within the cordon boundaries (the area within the cordon is considered an Equity Focus Area). However, for those same populations outside of the cordon area, delay increased and job access for drivers decreased. Additionally, those who drove into the cordon paid higher costs, even if they would benefit from improved travel times within the cordon. Costs were low at a regional scale, but high for the individuals who entered the cordon.

## ***Future considerations***

Cordon design considerations could include expanding the cordon area to encompass more origins and destinations, pairing cordon pricing with roadway pricing on key facilities near the cordon, providing a time-of-day charge, or providing discounts or exemptions for groups that would be disproportionately impacted. Improvements to arterials near the cordon to speed transit (such as bus only lanes) could also be considered.



# Parking

## ***Scenarios tested***

Increased parking charges were applied to all areas within the Metropolitan Planning Areas (MPA) boundaries that were assessed a parking charge in the 2018 RTP's 2040 Financially Constrained Scenario for both Parking A and Parking B scenarios. Parking A scenario marginally added the same parking costs; the Parking B scenario doubled the parking costs.

## ***Scenario results***

Overall, parking charging demonstrated positive results for all metrics at a regional level. The analysis shows that charging for parking could increase transit ridership – likely a direct result of charges generally being assessed in areas with good transit service and high employment. Charges were concentrated among fewer travelers compared to the VMT scenarios. While the total travel cost was low compared to other pricing scenarios, the cost to the individual drivers who parked was relatively high.

## ***Equity spotlight***

The parking scenarios showed very little change in jobs accessibility and costs throughout the region. The areas affected by parking charges have good transit service, so parking charges could be more easily avoided. Equity focus areas showed a smaller percent increase in jobs accessible by auto than non-equity focus areas.

## ***Future considerations***

The impacts to vulnerable populations should be carefully considered in a parking program, which could focus on discounts or caps on charges for key groups or revenue reinvestment to improve transit service.

# Roadway

## ***Scenarios tested***

Roadway charges were applied to drivers on highways limited access highways within the MPA boundaries. Roadway A included a charge of \$0.132/mile, while Roadway B included a charge of \$0.264/mile.

## ***Scenario results***

The two Roadway scenarios had mixed results at a regional level, with a reduction in VMT and reduced delay on the charged roadways coupled with increased delay to nearby non-charged roadways. Burdens and benefits were not uniformly distributed and could disproportionately impact travelers that live on the outskirts of the region.

## ***Equity spotlight***

Areas further from tolled throughways tend to experience worse access to jobs by auto, which include some EFA areas. With fewer options of using the faster tolled roadways and competing with traffic on arterials that diverted from those tolled roadways, commuters here experienced somewhat slower travel by autos and transit.

## ***Future considerations***

A roadway pricing program should focus on the impacts to delay on the throughways charged as well as the impacts to nearby non-charged roadways. Impacts at a localized scale would need to be examined to understand if there were investments (such as transit, bike, or pedestrian improvements) that could improve overall performance. In addition, the travel costs should be assessed at a granular scale to understand the impact on vulnerable groups.

## **The analysis showed:**

### **All four types of congestion pricing could help address congestion and climate priorities.**

- All eight scenarios reduce the drive alone rate, vehicle miles traveled, and greenhouse gas emissions.
- All scenarios increase daily transit trips. (Roadway A has a minimal increase.).
- In fact, the projected improvements were comparable to modeled scenarios with much higher investment in new transportation projects.

### **Geographic distribution of benefits, impacts, and costs varied by scenario.**

- Traffic diversion, travel time savings, and costs to travelers varied by location and by congestion pricing tool.
- Without changes, some scenarios would have disproportionate impacts on equity communities and key geographies.
- Geographic distributions of benefits and costs can inform where to focus investments and affordability strategies.
- In-depth analysis will be necessary to understand benefits (who and where) and costs (who and where) of any future projects.

### **There are tradeoffs for implementing pricing scenarios.**

- Our current transportation funding system will not achieve Metro's climate and equity goals. The tax structure is regressive and focuses on auto infrastructure that reinforces inequity and results in high emissions.
- Overall regional transportation costs and individual traveler costs vary by scenario
- All eight scenarios increase the overall cost for travel for the region, but some scenarios spread the costs widely while others concentrate them on fewer travelers. Those that spread the costs also have the highest overall cost for travel in the region and the highest revenue potential
- Higher overall transportation costs equal higher revenue which can allow investment in improvements to address safety and equity concerns.

A summary of findings is described on the next page.

**Table ES-1 Regional Congestion Pricing Study High-Level Findings**

RTP Goal	Metrics	VMT B	VMT C	COR A	COR B	PARK A	PARK B	RD A	RD B
<b>Congestion &amp; Climate</b>	Daily VMT								
	Drive Alone Rate								
	Daily Transit Trips								
	2HR Freeway VHD								
	2HR Arterial VHD								
<b>Climate</b>	Emissions								
<b>Equity</b>	Job Access (Auto)								
	Job Access (Transit)								
<b>Total Regional Travel Cost</b>		<b>Med-High</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Med-Low</b>	<b>Med-Low</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>Med</b>	<b>Med</b>

Note: Dark blue indicates better alignment with regional goals when compared to the Base scenario

Legend		Daily VMT	Drive Alone Rate	Job Access (Auto)	Job Access (Transit)	Daily Transit Trips	2HR Freeway VHD	2HR Arterial VHD	Emissions
	Large Positive Change	-5% or more	-5% or more	10% or more	5% or more	10% or more	-10% or more	-10% or more	-5% or more
	Moderate Positive Change	-2% to -5%	-2% to -5%	5% to 10%	2% to 5%	5% to 10%	-5% to -10%	-5% to -10%	-2% to -5%
	Small Positive Change	-0.5% to -2%	-0.5% to -2%	1% to 5%	0.5% to 2%	1% to 5%	-1% to -5%	-1% to -5%	-0.5% to -2%
	Minimal Change	0.5% to -0.5%	0.5% to -0.5%	1% to -1%	0.5% to -0.5%	1% to -1%	1% to -1%	1% to -1%	0.5% to -0.5%
	Small Negative Change	0.5% to 2%	0.5% to 2%	-1% to -5%	-0.5% to -2%	-1% to -5%	1% to 5%	1% to 5%	0.5% to 2%
	Moderate Negative Change	2% to 5%	2% to 5%	-5% to -10%	-2% to -5%	-5% to -10%	5% to 10%	5% to 10%	2% to 5%
	Large Negative Change	5% or more	5% or more	-10% or more	-5% or more	-10% or more	10% or more	10% or more	5% or more

Note: "Positive" and "Negative" refer to progress toward regional goals, and not to numerical values (i.e., a reduction in VMT is "positive")

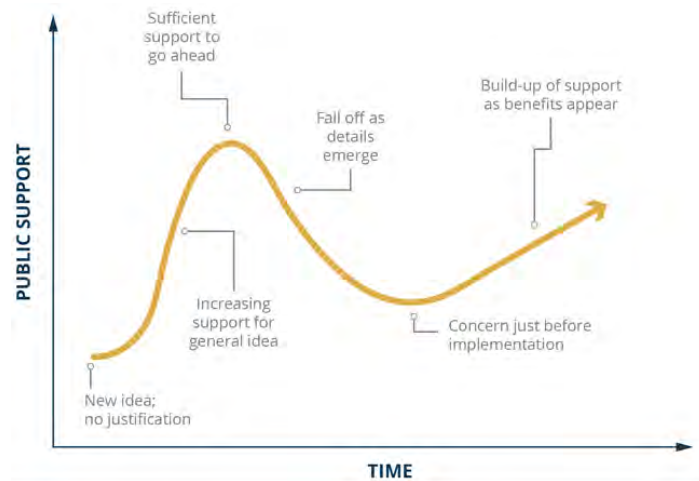
The results provided here ONLY show the effects of charging drivers under different scenarios; implementation of mitigations, discounts, or other changes to policies could result in changes to the performance of a scenario.

## What are the implementation considerations?

There are many factors for the Portland metro region and its partners to consider as the region continues to explore the feasibility of implementing congestion pricing:

- Public acceptance: all pricing programs are likely to struggle with public acceptance. There is a common perception that pricing is likely to hurt transportation disadvantaged populations and that people will pay more for something without seeing a benefit. Case studies have shown acceptance grows after a pricing program is implemented, as shown in the figure below. A concerted public engagement and marketing effort would likely be needed to garner acceptance of a congestion pricing project or program.

**Figure ES-1 Public Acceptance of Congestion Pricing Changes Over Time**

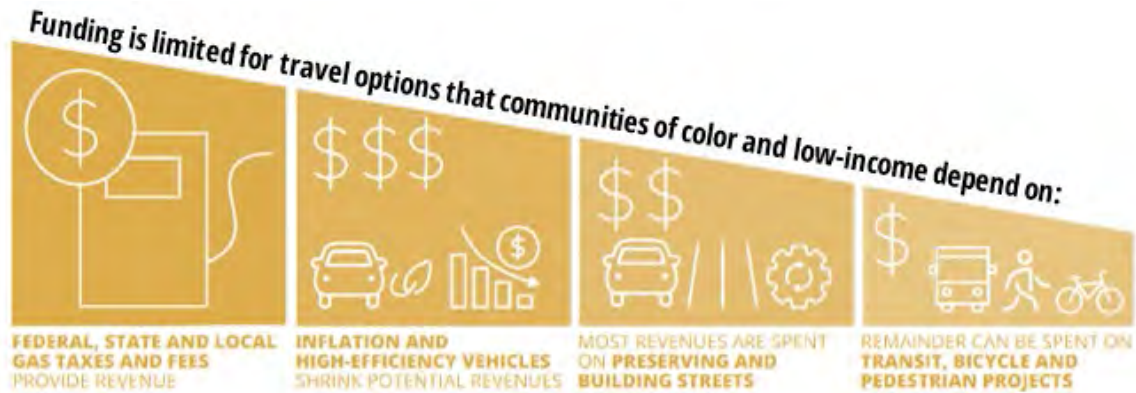


- Parking pricing is the easiest of the tools to implement since it leverages existing infrastructure and processes to introduce congestion pricing.
- Cordon pricing can leverage state of the art tolling and enforcement technologies, making implementation moderately difficult to implement.
- Although roadway pricing can leverage many tolling methods, enforcement can be difficult. Also, tolling roadways that are not limited access could be cost prohibitive, reflecting why arterial tolling is not typically priced considered.
- A VMT program could build off of the OReGO pilot but a major implementation barrier is enforcement and mandating vehicles to participate.
- A pilot phase might make sense for the Portland region to trial one or more technologies before scaling up to a region-wide system.

## How can Congestion Pricing address Equity?

Many people worry that congestion pricing will hurt those least able to pay. However, our current system is inequitable. Not only are transportation funding sources regressive, but spending is also focused on automobile infrastructure over other transportation modes, as shown in Figure ES-2 below. Gas tax rates are a fixed amount per gallon regardless of a driver's ability to pay, and motor vehicle fees in Oregon are not correlated to a motorist's income nor the value of the vehicle.

Figure ES-2 Inequities within Today's System



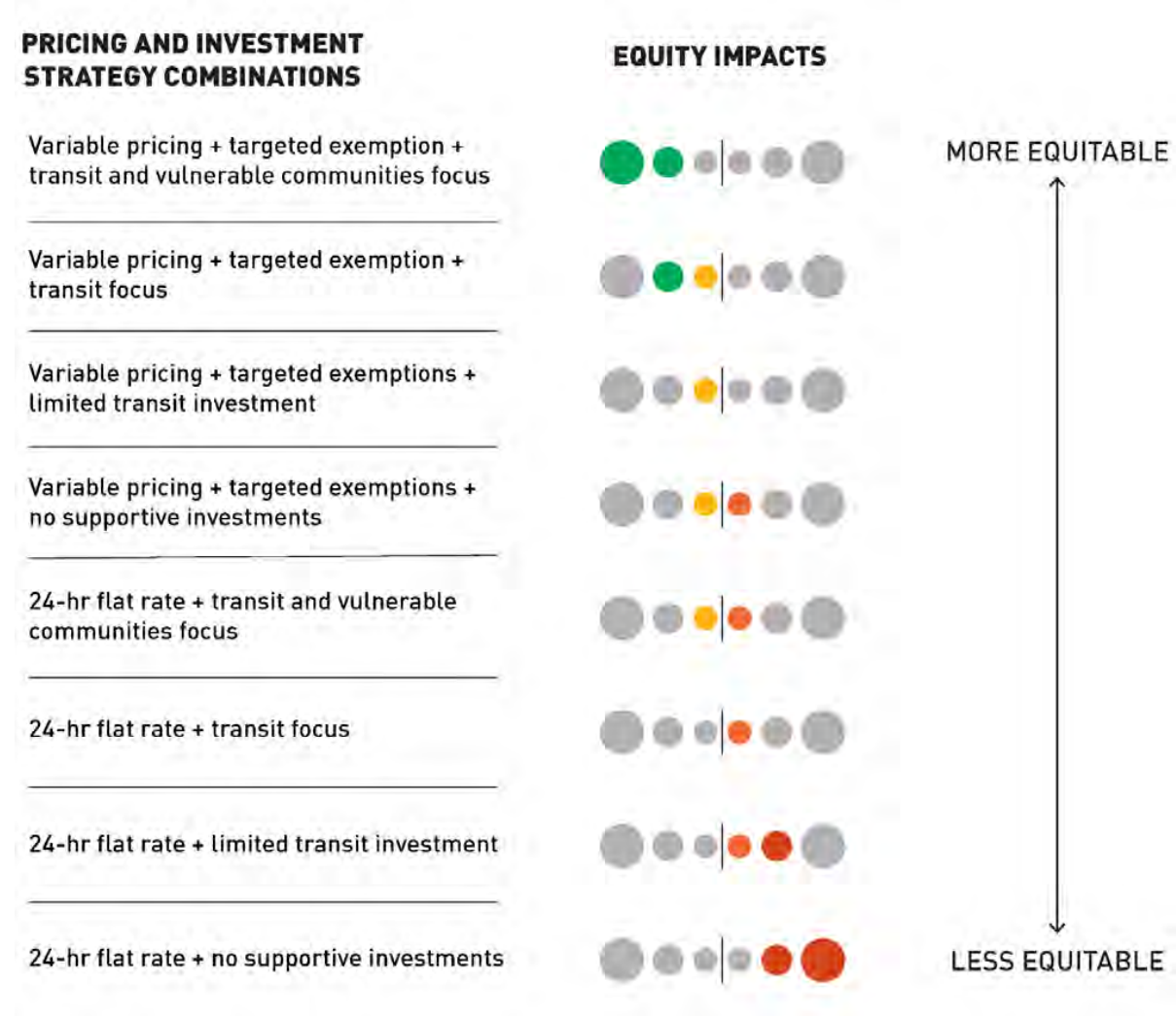
This focus favors those with more means and encourages driving. It reinforces inequity with spending focused on auto infrastructure. In addition, health impacts from high automobile reliance disproportionately harm Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) and low-income communities. Low-income people spend a much higher percentage of their income on transportation than high income earners. As it functions today, the current funding and spending structure will not help the region meet its urgent equity and climate goals.

Congestion pricing strategies have the potential to improve racial equity and benefit marginalized communities as well as all residents of the region. Congestion pricing tools have the potential to be more flexible than current funding in how funds are collected and what funds are spent on.

The biggest determinant of whether a congestion pricing program improves equity is how the program is designed-- how people are charged and how revenue from congestion pricing strategies is spent. A pricing program with the same charge can *improve* or *harm* equity depending on how it deals with affordability, the places it improves, and the type and locations of investments. An example of how this can be is shown as Figure ES-3 below.



Figure ES-3 Program Design Impact on Equity Outcomes



**Building an Equitable Pricing Program**

If carefully structured, congestion pricing can create a more fair and just transportation system, not just compared to the predominant revenue raising strategies used to pay for transportation today, but more directly to improve affordability, access, safety, and health of historically and currently excluded, impacted, and underserved communities. Congestion pricing programs and projects can improve equity outcomes by:

- Reducing harm and increasing benefits if agencies are willing to focus engagement on historically impacted residents and other stakeholders traditionally at a disadvantage and ensure they have a role in decision making at every step in the process.
- Revenue can be focused on equity outcomes. Revenues from congestion pricing can be invested in key neighborhoods or roadways, focused on transit, sidewalks, and bike lanes, or invested in senior and disabled services. Pricing benefits can be targeted to key locations where mobility improvements or air quality can be meaningfully improved.
- Affordability can be built into a program. Congestion pricing is more flexible than current funding sources. Exploring who pays and to what degree, and considering a

suite of affordability programs such as rebates or exemptions for low-income drivers, a “transportation wallet”, or other investments that address affordability.

Figure ES-4 An Equity Framework for Road Pricing



Source: TransForm 2017

As part of the Congestion Pricing Study, Metro reached out to three groups with expertise in equity: Metro’s CORE, the City of Portland’s POEM Task Force, and ODOT’s EMAC to discuss and receive feedback on the RCPS methods for assessing equity benefits and impacts.

These groups confirmed that there are concerns around congestion pricing disproportionately impacting those least able to pay. They agreed that any pricing program must have meaningful

engagement with community and equity groups early. Combining their feedback with equity experts in the field helped clarify the importance of engagement and the importance of a project conducting in depth technical analysis (including mapping) to help determine who benefits and who is impacted by a program.

### ***Key findings from an equity perspective***

While the Equity Focus Areas see an increase in percent change of jobs accessible by auto in six of the eight scenarios, they benefit less than non-equity focus areas across the board. Related to access to community places, each pricing scenario results in increased access for equity focus areas and non-equity focus areas. Equity focus areas benefit more than non-equity focus areas for accessibility by auto for the cordon scenarios and the roadway scenarios. When it comes to change in access to community places by transit, the benefit to non-equity focus areas exceeds the benefit to equity focus areas for all scenarios.

Key findings from an equity perspective:

- Go beyond a toolkit
- Connect analysis to further study
- Design scenarios to address barriers
- Inform expenditure framework
- Develop supportive programs
- Establish pre- and post-deployment monitoring

## **What are the recommendations?**

Below are general recommended considerations for both policymakers and future project owners and operators, as well as specific recommendations that would apply to each group.

- Congestion pricing can be used to improve mobility and reduce emissions. This study demonstrated how these tools could work with the region's land use and transportation system.
- Define clear goals and outcomes from the beginning of a pricing program. The program priorities such as mobility, revenues, or equity should inform the program design and implementation strategies. Optimizing for one priority over another can lead to different outcomes.
- Recognize that benefits and impacts of pricing programs will vary across geographies. These variations should inform decisions about where a program should target investments and affordability strategies and in depth outreach.
- Carefully consider how the benefits and costs of congestion pricing impact different geographic and demographic groups. In particular, projects and programs need to conduct detailed analysis to show how to:
  - maximize benefits (mobility, shift to transit, less emissions, better access to jobs and community places, affordability, and safety) and

- address negative impacts (diversion and related congestion on nearby routes, slowing of buses, potential safety issues, costs to low-income travelers, and equity issues).
- Congestion pricing can benefit communities that have been harmed in the past, providing meaningful equity benefits to the region. However, if not done thoughtfully, congestion pricing could harm BIPOC and low-income communities, compounding past injustices.
- Conversations around congestion pricing costs, revenues, and reinvestment decisions should happen at the local, regional, and when appropriate the state scale, depending on the distribution of benefits and impacts for the specific policy, project, or program being implemented.

### ***Specifically For Policy Makers***

- Congestion pricing has a strong potential to help the greater Portland region meet the priorities outlined in its 2018 Regional Transportation Plan, specifically addressing congestion and mobility; climate; equity; and safety.
  - Technical analysis showed that all four types of pricing analyzed improved performance in these categories;
  - Best practices research and input from experts showed there are tools for maximizing performance and addressing unintended consequences.
- Given the importance of pricing as a tool for the region’s transportation system, policy makers should include pricing policy development and refinement as part of the next update of the Regional Transportation Plan in 2023, including consideration of other pricing programs being studied or implemented in the region.

### ***Specifically For Future Project Owners/Operators***

- The success of a specific project or program is largely based on **how** it is developed and implemented requiring detailed analysis, outreach, monitoring, and incorporation of best practices.
- Coordinate with other pricing programs, including analysis of cumulative impacts and consideration of shared payment technologies, to reduce user confusion and ensure success of a program.
- Conduct meaningful engagement and an extensive outreach campaign, including with those who would be most impacted by congestion pricing, to develop a project that works and will gain public and political acceptance.
- Build equity, safety, and affordability into the project definition so a holistic project that meets the need of the community is developed rather than adding “mitigations” later.
- Establish a process for ongoing monitoring of performance, in order to adjust and optimize a program once implemented.

## What are the next steps?

Since its identification as a high priority, high impact strategy in the 2018 RTP, Metro staff and leaders endeavor to better understand how our region could use congestion pricing to manage traffic demand to meet climate goals without adversely impacting safety or equity. This study delineates the impacts pricing could have in helping the region:

- Reduce traffic congestion;
- Improve equity by reducing disparity;
- Enhance safety by getting to Vision Zero; and
- Support the climate by reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

The study's Expert Review Panel demonstrated that congestion pricing is effective in encouraging drivers to change their behavior (using more sustainable travel modes like transit, walking, or biking; driving less; and driving at different times) and reducing congestion and greenhouse gas emissions.

Leaders around the region and state should use the findings from this study to inform policies, including the development of the 2023 RTP and other transportation projects that may include congestion pricing in the future. We expect this study will inform the work of implementing agencies as they propose new congestion pricing projects at the local level.

# PROJECT TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

## Terms and Definitions

- **Base Scenario:** Modeling scenario that provides the basis of comparison for how different congestion pricing modeled scenarios perform. The 2027 Financially-Constrained Model Scenario from the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan was the Base Scenario for this analysis. (See Appendix C.)
- **Congestion Pricing:** Motorists pay directly for driving on a particular roadway or for driving or parking in a particular area. *Congestion Pricing* includes using variable road or parking tolls (higher prices under congested conditions and lower prices at less congested times and conditions).
- **Congestion Pricing Tools or Families:** Types of congestion pricing that can be used to toll motorists to affect their behavior. In this study, Metro analyzed four different pricing tools: roadway pricing (motorists are charged tolls to drive on particular roadways); parking pricing (drivers pay to park in certain areas); cordon pricing (motorists are charged to enter a congested area); vehicle miles traveled (VMT) pricing (a.k.a. road user charge) (motorists are charged for each mile driven).
- **Community places:** The Access to Community Places performance measure is calculated by using existing data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics to identify the existing **community places** that provide key services and/or daily needs (defined in assumptions) for people in the region. Community places, for purposes of this analysis, included hospitals and other medical services, civic places such as post offices, churches, social services, libraries, schools, and colleges, financial institutions such as banks and credit unions, grocery stores, and essential retail services such as hardware stores, pharmacies, and laundry services.
- **Metro:** Metro is the federally-mandated metropolitan planning organization (MPO) designated by the governor of Oregon to develop an overall transportation plan and to program federal funds. Metro serves more than 1.5 million people in Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties. The agency's boundary encompasses Portland, Oregon and 23 other cities – from the Columbia River in the north to the bend of the Willamette River near Wilsonville, and from the foothills of the Coast Range near Forest Grove to the banks of the Sandy River at Troutdale. Unusual for an MPO, Metro has a regionally-elected council which consists of a president, elected regionwide, and six councilors who are elected by district every four years in nonpartisan races. Metro Council is advised by the Joint Policy Advisory Committee representing the region on transportation issues. Metro is also the agency responsible for the regional growth plan, land use vision, and urban growth boundary among other duties.



- **Regional Transportation Plan 2018 (RTP):** As the metropolitan planning organization for the Portland metropolitan area, Metro is authorized by Congress and the State of Oregon to coordinate and plan investments in the transportation system for Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington counties. This is done through periodic updates to the Regional Transportation Plan. The Regional Transportation Plan is a blueprint to guide investments for all forms of travel – motor vehicle, transit, bicycle, and walking – and the movement of goods and freight throughout the Portland metropolitan region. The plan identifies current and future transportation needs, investments needed to meet those needs and what funds the region expects to have available to over the next 25 years to make those investments a reality.
- **Equity Focus Areas:** Locations identified as part of the 2018 RTP Equity analysis that include census tracts with high concentrations of people of color, people in poverty and people with limited English proficiency.

**Table 1 Equity Focus Areas**

Community	Geography Threshold
<b>People of Color</b>	The census tracts which are above the regional rate for people of color (28.6%) AND the census tract has twice (2x) the population density of the regional average (regional average is 1.1 person per acre).
<b>People in Poverty</b>	The census tracts which are above the regional rate for low-income households (28.5%) AND the census tract has twice (2x) the population density of the regional average (regional average is 1.1 person per acre).
<b>People with Limited English Proficiency</b>	The census tracts which are above the regional rate for limited English proficiency speakers (7.9%) AND the census tract has twice (2x) the population density of the regional average (regional average is .3 person per acre)

Source: Metro, 2018 RTP transportation equity work group

- **Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT):** JPACT is a body comprised of 17 members that serve as elected officials or representatives of transportation agencies across Portland metropolitan region. JPACT develops plans and makes recommendations on priorities to the Metro Council on transportation needs in the Portland Metropolitan region. The Metro Council must adopt the recommendations before they become transportation policies.
- **Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC):** TPAC provides technical input to the JPACT on transportation planning and funding priorities for the Portland metropolitan region. TPAC reviews regional plans and federally-funded transportation projects, and advises area leaders on transportation investment priorities and policies related to transportation. TPAC's 21 members consist of technical staff from the same governments and agencies as JPACT, plus a representative from the Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council, and nine community members appointed by the Metro Council. In addition, the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, City of Vancouver, Clark County, Washington Department of Ecology and C-TRAN System have

each appointed an associate non-voting member to the committee. *TPAC acted as the technical advisory committee for this study.*

## Definitions of Performance Metrics

- **Daily VMT:** Vehicle miles traveled (daily).
- **Drive Alone Rate:** Percentage of total daily trips undertaken by drivers without passengers.
- **Daily Transit Trips:** Number of total transit trips (daily).
- **2HR Freeway VHD:** Freeway vehicle hours of delay. The total time accrued by all vehicles traveling on model freeway links with volume-to-capacity ratio of over 0.9 during the PM peak.
- **2HR Arterial VHD:** Arterial vehicle hours of delay. The total time accrued by all vehicles traveling on model arterial links with volume-to-capacity ratio of over 0.9 during the PM peak.
- **Emissions:** Percent change in greenhouse gas and other emissions including: CO<sub>2</sub>e, PM<sub>2.5</sub>, PM<sub>10</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, and VOC, calculated using Metro's Multi-Criteria Evaluation (MCE) tool, which estimates quantitative social return on investment of scenarios and applies emission rates derived from Metro's application of EPA's MOVES model to VMT of each scenario.
- **Job Access (Auto):** Number of jobs within 30 minutes by auto, averaged by Transportation Analysis Zone (TAZ) and weighted by number of households.
- **Job Access (Transit):** Number of jobs within 45 minutes by transit, averaged by TAZ and weighted by number of households
- **Total Regional Travel Cost:** Average weekday (2027) sum of all users' cost to travel, including auto operating cost, tolls, parking charges, and transit fares, expressed in thousands of 2010\$.



# 1 INTRODUCTION

Metro is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) authorized by Congress and the State of Oregon to coordinate and plan investments in the transportation system for the three-counties – Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington – and the 24 cities that comprise the Portland Metropolitan Planning Area. Metro uses this authority to expand transportation options, make the most of existing streets, and improve public transit service.

As an MPO, Metro works collaboratively with cities, counties, and transportation agencies to decide how to invest federal highway and public transit funds within its service area. It creates a long-range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), leads efforts to expand the public transit system, and helps make strategic use of a small subset of transportation funding that Congress sends directly to MPOs.

Typically, Metro committees are made up of elected officials, technical staff from the three counties and dozens of cities inside Metro's boundaries, and subject matter experts. Two of these groups – the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) and the Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC) were directly involved in the creation and development of this study.

- **JPACT** – Comprised of transportation representatives from across the region, JPACT recommends priorities and develops plans for the region. The Metro Council must adopt the recommendations before they become transportation policies. JPACT comprises 17 members who serve as elected officials or representatives of transportation agencies in the region.
- **TPAC** – the TPAC provides technical input to JPACT on transportation planning and funding priorities for the region. TPAC reviews regional plans and federally funded transportation projects and advises area leaders on transportation investment priorities and policies related to transportation. TPAC's 19 members consist of technical staff from the same governments and agencies as JPACT plus a representative from the Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council and six community members appointed by the Metro Council. In addition, the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, City of Vancouver, Clark County, Washington Department of Ecology, and C-TRAN System have each appointed an associate non-voting member to the committee.

## 1.1 Study Purpose

Leaders in the Metro region have long recognized the importance of pairing investments in transportation capacity building with travel demand management tools. The 2018 RTP identified congestion pricing as a high priority, high impact strategy. The RTP directed Metro staff to conduct an analysis to understand the ability for different congestion pricing tools to help the region meet its priorities. Metro staff evaluated a range of scenarios testing four different congestion pricing tools (described in Figure 1) to understand if pricing could help meet the region's four transportation priorities set out in the RTP:

- **Congestion** – by improving mobility
- **Climate** – by reducing greenhouse gas emissions
- **Equity** – by reducing disparity
- **Safety** – by getting to Vision Zero

The goal of this study is:

*“To understand how our region could use congestion pricing to manage traffic demand to meet climate goals without adversely impacting safety or equity.”*

Congestion pricing for the purpose of this study is the application of a price mechanism (such as roadway tolls, parking costs, variable tolls, or a charge per mile driven) to alert drivers to the external cost of their trip. It has been demonstrated to be effective at getting drivers to change their behavior (using more sustainable travel modes like transit, walking or biking, driving less, and driving at different times) and reduce congestion and greenhouse gas emissions where it has been implemented.

Leaders around the region may use the findings from this study to inform policies, including the development of the 2023 RTP, and other transportation projects that may include tolling in the future. The findings may also provide information for policymakers who want to propose new congestion pricing projects at the local level.

## 1.2 Study Timeline

This study took place over the course of approximately two years, as shown in Figure 2, Project Timeline. The study included a review of existing conditions within the region, a definition of what scenarios would be considered, the analysis of these scenarios using Metro’s regional travel demand model, the development of findings from this analysis, and identifying next steps.





**Figure 2 Project Timeline**



**Figure 1 Congestion Pricing Strategies**

### Congestion Pricing Strategies

Congestion pricing could include a range of tools, including:

- 
**VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED FEE**  
 Drivers pay a fee for every mile they travel
- 
**CORDON PRICING**  
 Drivers pay to enter an area, like downtown Portland (and sometimes pay to drive within that area)
- 
**ROADWAY PRICING**  
 Drivers pay a fee to drive on a particular road, bridge or highway
- 
**PARKING PRICING**  
 Drivers pay to park in certain areas

Each of these pricing strategies could vary by time of day, by area, by types of drivers on the road, and by income levels.

## 1.3 Who was Involved?

This study was led by Metro staff, working closely with TPAC, JPACT, and Metro Council throughout the process. The City of Portland and TriMet were funding partners in the study, and project staff collaborated regularly with the City of Portland and ODOT to leverage and align parallel congestion pricing efforts. The team reviewed project equity analysis methods with Metro's Committee on Racial Equity (CORE), the Oregon Department of Transportation's Equity and Mobility Advisory Committee (EMAC), and the City of Portland's POEM Task Force for feedback.

Metro hired a consultant team to support technical analysis and process for this work. The consultant team was led by Nelson\Nygaard and included Sam Schwartz Engineering, HNTB, Silicon Transportation Consultants, TransForm, Mariposa Planning Solutions and PKS International.

Once at the findings stage, Metro convened an Expert Review Panel to review the data, methods, and findings of this study. The Expert Review Panel provided feedback on Metro's work along with their own experiences with congestion pricing, in a webinar with JPACT and the Metro Council. This webinar was open to the public. The panel consisted of five experts listed below:

- **Clarrissa Cabansagan**, Director of Programs at Transform; National leader in transportation policy and mobility justice.
- **Daniel Firth**, Transport and Urban Planning Director at C40; Congestion pricing leader in London, Stockholm, and Vancouver.
- **Rachel Hiatt**, Assistant Deputy Director for Planning at San Francisco County Transportation Authority; Project manager of the Downtown Congestion Pricing Study.
- **Sam Schwartz**, Founder and CEO at Sam Schwartz Transportation Consultants; Father of NYC congestion pricing.
- **Christopher Tomlinson**, Executive Director at State Road and Tollway Authority, Georgia Regional Transportation Authority, Atlanta-region Transit Link Authority; Expert in political, policy, and legal aspects of tolling.

The Expert Review Panel was moderated by Jennifer Wieland, Managing Director at Nelson\Nygaard. The recording of the panel is available on the project webpage at [www.oregonmetro.gov/regional-congestion-pricing-study](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/regional-congestion-pricing-study). Approximately 120 people attended the webinar.

There were several highlights from the Panel's independent review of Metro's work, and from the webinar discussion:

- The Panel found the methods used in this study to be sound, logical, and consistent with other places that have implemented congestion pricing.
- The panel found the findings from the study to also be consistent with their experiences with congestion pricing projects' performance elsewhere.
- The group advised project implementers to take the time up front to confirm the project purpose, and then focus on fulfilling that purpose, with an understanding that the design of a



congestion pricing program could look different, depending on the purpose it is being designed for.

- The Panel discussed the critical importance of centering equity, and the very real albeit unintended consequences that can arise from not doing so.
- The group recommended reaching out broadly, to all stakeholders – and recognizing the diversity of different stakeholder groups – recognizing that not all groups will be supportive, and that public acceptance of the effort will change over time.
- The Panel discussed the differences between congestion pricing and transit-oriented development between urban, suburban, and rural contexts. Every place is unique, and it is critically important to customize the pricing program to meet a region’s unique needs. That said, pricing has been shown to be successful in all types of settings at improving mobility and addressing other priorities.

These tenets supported Metro’s technical findings and informed the Agency’s recommendations as described in Chapter 8.

## 1.4 How to use this Report

There are eight chapters in this report:

- *Chapter 1: Introduction* – describes the purpose and timeline of the project and who was involved.
- *Chapter 2: Metro’s Commitment to Equity* – describes best practices for implementing congestion pricing programs equitably, including the steps to create an equitable process. It also provides an overview of the key metrics used to evaluate potential congestion pricing strategies in the Portland Metro Region as well as the engagement process.
- *Chapter 3: A Quick Look at the System Today* – provides information about current conditions and discusses the importance of thoughtful analysis of the benefits and impacts of congestion pricing to transportation disadvantaged communities.
- *Chapter 4: Methodology* – provides detail on the data and methods used to conduct the study’s analysis, including the performance measures used in the analysis.
- *Chapter 5: Scenario Modeling Overview & Findings* – details key findings from the travel demand modeling analysis by scenario and by performance measure.
- *Chapter 6: Feasibility and Implementation Considerations* – summarizes key considerations for implementation of congestion pricing.
- *Chapter 7: Complexity of Revenue* – provides several considerations about collecting and using revenues generated from congestion pricing.
- *Chapter 8: Conclusions & Recommendations* – summarizes key recommendations from this study for policy makers and project champions.

## 2 METRO'S COMMITMENT TO EQUITY

Metro as an agency has a commitment to advancing equity within the region. Metro's *Strategic Plan to Advance Racial Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion* is a guiding document for the agency. Metro recognizes that there are severe disparities in the Portland region that have been created and reinforced by systemic racism. Metro is leading with race in its efforts to improve equity.

By beginning to address the barriers experienced by people of color in the Portland metropolitan area, Metro also effectively identifies solutions and removes barriers for other groups, like women, low-income residents, people with disabilities, LGBTQ community, older adults, and young people. The result will be that all people in the Portland area will experience better outcomes.

This chapter begins by providing an overview of best practices in implementing an equitable congestion pricing program followed by a description of how Metro threaded equity throughout the Regional Congestion Pricing Study process.

### 2.1 Best Practices for Implementing Congestion Pricing Programs in an Equitable Manner

Congestion pricing strategies can be used to increase accessibility and sustainability, and to mitigate traffic congestion in the Portland region. As the region continues planning for roadway pricing, Metro and implementing agencies must analyze the various impacts that congestion pricing will have on vulnerable communities.

Throughout the 20<sup>th</sup> Century (and indeed, before then as well), transportation and infrastructure planning has disproportionately burdened and harmed communities of color through negligent and intentionally racist planning practices. Because of this, many communities with lower income and minority households today, in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century have limited access to jobs and basic services like grocery stores even today and have on-going health concerns due to roadways being built through their communities. If Metro and implementing agencies do not prioritize equity during the congestion pricing planning process, the pricing of different roadways or geographic areas may disproportionately impact lower income groups, people with disabilities, and minority populations.

By beginning to address the barriers experienced by people of color in the Portland metropolitan area, Metro and its regional partners can also effectively identify solutions and remove barriers for other transportation disadvantaged populations, like women, low-income residents, people with disabilities, the LGBTQ community, older adults, and young people. This can result in better quality of life and health outcomes for all people in the Portland area.

#### ***How can pricing advance racial and social justice?***

Agencies across the US and at all levels of government have planned and invested in transportation plans and projects in ways that have led to inequitable outcomes. People of color, immigrants, people experiencing lower incomes, people with disabilities, and other marginalized groups have historically been excluded from transportation decision-making and borne the brunt of the negative impacts of transportation projects. The unequal legacy of transportation planning includes well documented cases

of highway construction projects targeting low income and BIPOC communities, investments that have disproportionately benefited white and higher income suburban car commuters over transit users in urban centers, and regressive forms of taxation to pay for it all.

Today, the legacy of inequitable transportation and land use planning has contributed to differences in outcomes along race, class, and ability in every region of the US. Race, income, and other demographic markers influence access to quality jobs, life expectancy, and other indicators of health and well-being.

To begin to repair the harms of the past, Metro and its partners must move past the legal minimum “harm reduction” approach in transportation planning to an approach that focuses the benefits of policies and investments on historically impacted communities and those with the greatest access barriers. By focusing on the communities and populations with the greatest needs, investments (and outcomes) will be more equitable, and Metro and its partner agencies will be able to create the greatest benefits for the region.

Interest in congestion pricing programs and projects has emerged in recent years as a way for cities, regions, and states to raise revenues in conditions where gas taxes and other revenue sources are declining, and as a strategy for meaningful climate action and traffic reduction. But discussions of pricing programs and projects have immediately faced scrutiny, skepticism, and concerns for their perceived impacts on low income, BIPOC, and other historically and currently excluded, impacted, and underserved populations. These concerns are legitimate. Pricing programs can negatively impact people already at a disadvantage. For example, pricing can increase costs for low-income drivers, create barriers to access jobs and other opportunities for certain populations, and cause traffic safety impacts along corridors already experiencing acute collisions due to spillover/cut through traffic<sup>3</sup>.

If carefully structured, congestion pricing can create a more fair and just transportation system, not just compared to the predominant revenue raising strategies used to pay for transportation today, but more directly to improve affordability, access, safety, and health of historically and currently excluded, impacted, and underserved communities. Congestion pricing programs and projects can improve equity outcomes by:

- Reducing harm and increasing benefits if agencies are willing to focus engagement on historically impacted residents and other stakeholders traditionally at a disadvantage and ensure they have a role in decision making at every step in the process.
- Committing to targeted investments of net toll revenues for locally supported improvements such as improved transit infrastructure and services and traffic safety improvements.
- Exploring who pays and to what degree, and considering a suite of affordability programs such as rebates or exemptions for low-income drivers, a “transportation wallet”, or other investments that address affordability.

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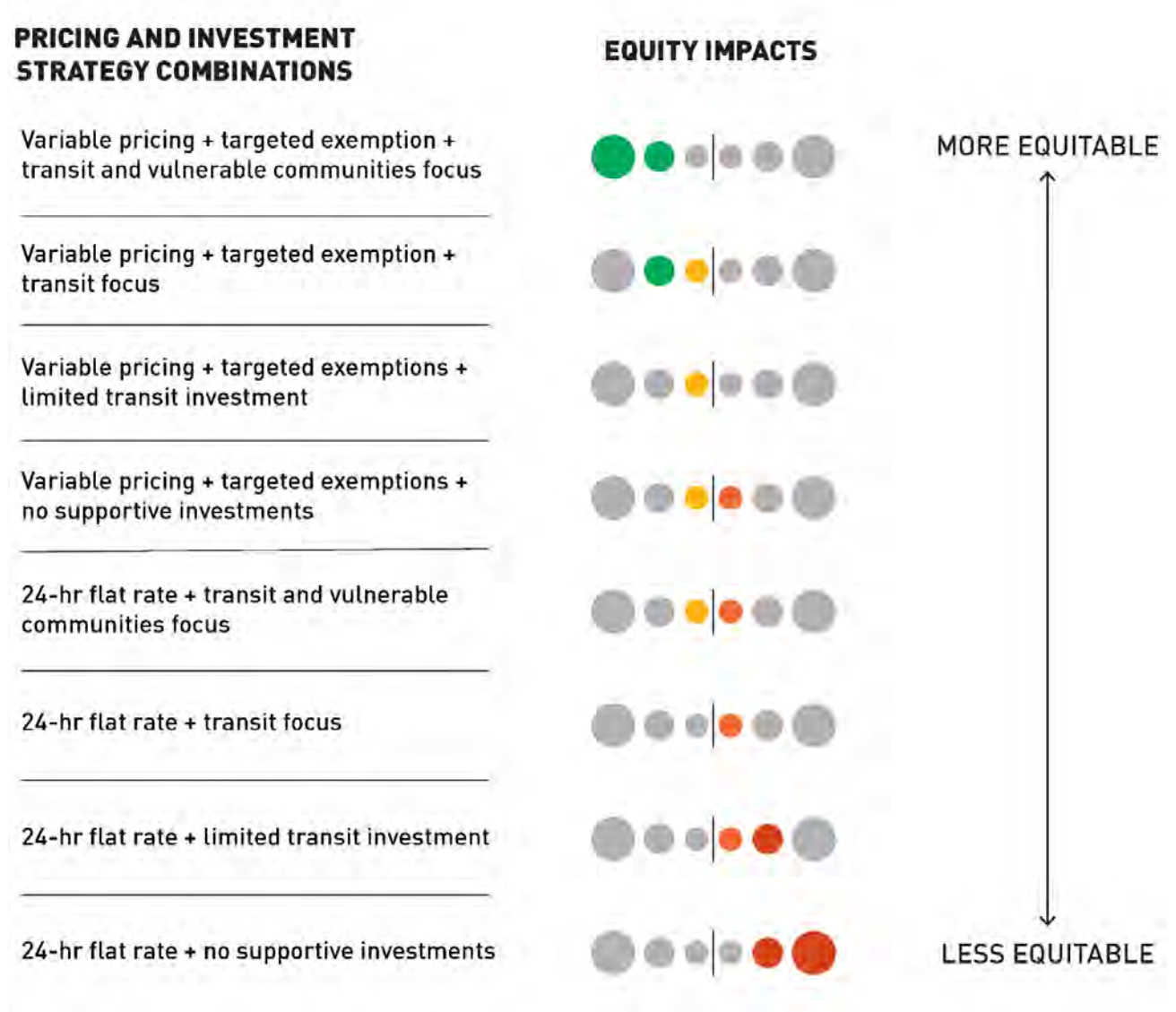
<sup>3</sup> The City of Portland has identified a high crash network of streets and intersections, and has prioritized funding that will improve safety on these streets, with an objective of eliminating traffic deaths and serious injuries. See <https://www.portland.gov/transportation/vision-zero/high-crash-network> for more information.

### Transportation Wallet for Residents of Affordable Housing

Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) in late 2018, started developing and implementing a pilot project that creates an incentive package for people living in existing affordable housing sites to access free transportation options, which includes transit passes, microtransit, and rideshare credits. This package is called Transportation Wallet and is being administered by PBOT in partnership with seven community organizations to up to 500 residents in selected housing developments.

The biggest determinant of whether a congestion pricing program improves equity is how the program is designed—who benefits, how people are charged, and how revenue from congestion pricing strategies is spent. A pricing program with the same charge can *improve* or *harm* equity depending on how it deals with affordability, the places it improves, and the type and locations of investments. An example of how this can be is shown as Figure 3 below.

Figure 3 Program Design Impact on Equity Outcomes



## What are the steps to create an equitable pricing study?

It is critical that congestion pricing projects go above the legal minimum protections and procedures, including the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and move from a harm reduction approach to an equity advancement approach. Released in 2019, TransForm’s *Pricing Roads, Advancing Equity* report and toolkit is helping inform congestion pricing strategies and projects up and down the west coast, from Seattle to Los Angeles. The report and toolkit lay out a structure for agencies to consider when planning for pricing, including the five steps outlined in **Table 2**. TransForm’s five steps mirror elements of other equity and tolling best practices, including the Governmental Alliance for Racial Equity’s (GARE) *Racial Equity Toolkit*, the City of Portland Office of Equity and Human Rights *Racial Equity Toolkit Worksheet*, and the National Cooperative Highway Research Program’s (NCHRP), *Assessing the Environmental Justice Effects of Toll Implementation or Rate Changes*. Best practices are also outlined in Figure 4.

**Table 2 Steps to Consider when Planning for Pricing**

TransForm’s Pricing Roads, Advancing Equity Five Steps	NCHRP Tolling Assessment Steps	GARE Racial Equity Toolkit Steps & Questions	City of Portland Racial Equity Toolkit Worksheet Steps
1. Identify Who, What, and Where	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Frame the Project</li> <li>2. Identify the Applicable Requirements Governing Decisions</li> <li>3. Recognize the Relevant Decision-Makers and Stakeholders</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Proposal: What is the policy, program, practice, or budget decision under consideration? What are the desired results and outcomes?</li> <li>2. Data: What’s the data? What do the data tell us?</li> <li>3. Community engagement: How have communities been engaged? Are there opportunities to expand engagement?</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Set Equitable Outcomes</li> <li>2. Collect and Analyze Data</li> <li>3. Understand the Historical Context</li> <li>4. Engage those most Impacted</li> </ol>
2. Define Equity Outcome and Performance Indicators	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Scope Approach to Measure and Address Impacts</li> </ol>	<p><i>See #1 “Proposal” above</i></p>	<p><i>See # 1 “Set Equitable Outcomes” above</i></p>
3. Determining Benefits and Burdens	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Conduct Impact Analysis and Measurement</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Analysis and strategies: Who will benefit from or be burdened by your proposal? What are your strategies for advancing racial equity or mitigating unintended consequences?</li> </ol>	<p><i>See #2 “Collect and Analyze Data” above</i></p>
4. Choose Programs that Advance Transportation Equity	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. Identify and Assess Mitigation Strategies</li> </ol>	<p><i>See #4 “Analysis and Strategies” above</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Develop Racially Equitable Strategies and Refine Outcomes</li> <li>6. Implement Changes</li> </ol>

**Table 2 Steps to Consider when Planning for Pricing**

TransForm’s Pricing Roads, Advancing Equity Five Steps	NCHRP Tolling Assessment Steps	GARE Racial Equity Toolkit Steps & Questions	City of Portland Racial Equity Toolkit Worksheet Steps
5. Provide Accountable Feedback and Evaluation	7. Document Results for Decision Makers and the Public 8. Conduct Post-Implementation Monitoring	5. Accountability and communication: How will you ensure accountability, affordability, communicate, and evaluate results? 6. Implementation: What is your plan for implementation?	7. Evaluate/ Accountability/ Report Back

The following steps should be considered when designing an equitable pricing assessment, study, plan, or project.

**Identify who, what, and where.** One of the first steps in an equitable study or project is to scope out different project/program alternatives, their location, and the populations of concern that may be affected by the project or program.

1. **Who** are the populations of concern in the project/plan area - people with disabilities, immigrant populations, people of color, people experiencing low income?
2. **What** are the potential pricing programs?
3. **Where** are the pricing programs located, particularly in relation to populations of concern? **Where** do populations of concern live, work, and travel in the project/study area? **Where** are the destinations within the project area that populations of concern frequent?

**Engage and partner with representatives of impacted communities each step of the way.** In order to build trust and best inform project and study outcomes, it’s critical to meaningfully engage and partner with representatives of historically excluded and impacted communities in the study/project/program area(s). This can take the form of the establishment of an equity stakeholder committee (including stipends to value participants' time), hiring consultants or community engagement liaisons with deep ties and trust with impacted communities in the area, establishing a participatory budgeting process for the investment of net toll revenues, and funding community based organizations in the area to directly engage their communities and serve as an additional sounding board for key questions along the arch of the planning process.

**Define equity and establish equitable goals and objectives.** With substantial community input and collaboration with representatives of impacted communities, agencies should gain consensus on equity definitions and to establish the equitable direction for the project, program, or study. It is important to be as explicit as possible. For example, is the goal to avoid further harm to historically impacted communities, to rectify historic injustices, or to build trust in communities that have been excluded and undervalued in past transportation decision making?

**Define Equity Outcome and Performance Indicators.** The next step is to identify and commit to equity indicators to assess the benefits and burdens of pricing. Measurable indicators can and should



be established for both outcome equity (such as affordability, access to opportunity, community health) and process equity (community engagement) indicators.

**Figure 4 An Equity Framework for Road Pricing**



**1. Process equity:**

- *Public participation:* As noted above, focused engagement of historically excluded and impacted communities is fundamental to reaching equitable outcomes for any project or plan. Agencies can select indicators to measure process equity - the degree to which equitable community engagement is achieved.

**2. Outcome equity:**

- *Affordability:* Affordability naturally looms large when discussing congestion pricing. Agencies should identify indicators to assess the potential affordability implications on different

demographics and geographies, such as low-income drivers who live and/or work in areas without good transportation options, urban transit users, and businesses and delivery services.

- *Access to opportunity:* Theoretically congestion pricing should create less congestion, thereby increasing access and reliability to jobs and other needs. But this is not always the case everywhere it is applied, nor are the access benefits evenly distributed. For example, the Roadway scenarios saw diversion of trips from the highway to the local arterial network to avoid paying the toll – the greater the toll, the greater the diversion. Diversion created congestion on some routes. Agencies can choose indicators to study the employment and education access implications of populations of concern by various modes.
- *Community health:* Congestion pricing can have positive and negative impacts on communities with longstanding health disparities. Agencies can select health and safety indicators to study the implications on populations of concern - positive & negative.

**Analyze benefits and burdens.** Once indicators have been selected, agencies should conduct the necessary assessments to identify the extent to which the identified populations of concern are impacted by project or program alternatives. Special attention should be placed on travelers by geography, mode, and demographics of interest. As agencies plan for the assessment process, it's important to ask the following questions:

- To what extent can the required analytical/assessment processes and tools accomplish what is needed in order to identify whether or not and to what degree the project or program is advancing equity?
- What additional analytical/assessment processes and tools are needed in order to bridge any gaps?
- How many rounds of analysis/assessment are needed to provide the greatest level of clarity and assurance about the implications of various programs and strategies?

**Program and strategy selection.** The program and strategy selection stage may naturally be where the greatest community interest is likely to emerge over the course of the process. The assessment phase preceding the selection phase should shed light on which pricing programs are most likely to advance equity. The assessment phase should also provide some sense of the kinds of strategies that may be able to further increase benefits and reduce harm to communities and populations at a historic and current disadvantage. At this point in the process, selection of a pricing program and associated pricing strategies should take place, depending on the degree of community support. Which package of congestion pricing program(s) and revenue reinvestment strategies do impacted communities prefer?





**Accountable feedback and evaluation.** A project or program is not over after the ribbon cutting ceremony. Pricing programs and projects offer the opportunity to continue to make changes over time in response to changing conditions and community priorities. Agencies should continue to monitor, assess, report back, obtain input, and modify over time to achieve equitable outcomes, focusing on fostering transparency and building trust with impacted communities. If, for example, a pricing project or program is not hitting the mark on affordability indicators/metrics, this provides an opportunity for the responsible agency to revisit the program approach and revenue reinvestment strategies in consultation with impacted community residents and stakeholders.

## ***How does revenue reinvestment help advance equity?***

As opposed to other traffic reduction and transit improvement projects and programs, congestion pricing has the virtue of being able to produce surplus revenues that can be reinvested for strategic purposes, including equity goals and objectives. In combination with careful selection and geographic placement of the pricing strategy/program, pricing revenue investments on geographies or populations at a disadvantage may lead to net benefits for communities and populations at a disadvantage. The step of reinvesting revenue with an equity focus is critical. Increasing travel options, creating new connections, and prioritizing affordable modes can support equity, but strategies must be informed by community members. Pricing also offers the ability to provide exemptions, rebates, and discounts, for example to persons experiencing low income - something that taxes generally cannot do. Revenue reinvestment also provides the opportunity to democratize spending, providing input opportunities and even direct decision-making power on how to spend pricing revenues with impacted communities and stakeholders (such as through participatory budgeting).

In depth analysis with modeling and mapping can show the geographies where benefits and impacts are likely to occur with a project. This analysis can help project implementers to understand where to focus investments (and outreach) and what types of investments make sense to improve equity. For example, if a roadway toll results in drivers diverting to a nearby arterial to avoid the charge, the project could look at the type of investments that could reduce the negative impacts to that arterial. Agencies and communities will need to strike a balance between affordability programs and the kinds of strategies that can best increase access to opportunity, mode shift, improve community health/safety, or other desirable outcomes. Examples of the kind of equitable programs and strategies that could be funded by pricing revenues can be found in Figure 5.

**Figure 5 Sample Strategies to Advance an Equity Agenda**

Strategy	Examples
 <p><b>Affordability and Driver Assistance</b></p>	<p><b>Driver Discounts, Caps, and Exemptions</b>, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free or discounted transponders</li> <li>• Toll discounts or credits for low-income households</li> <li>• Exemptions for people with disabilities</li> <li>• No tolls during off-peak hours</li> </ul> <p><b>Cash Payments</b> for those without credit cards or bank accounts</p> <p><b>Transit Discounts</b>, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ORCA LIFT transit discounts</li> <li>• Subsidized bike and car share memberships or rides</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Greater Mobility Options and Safer Active Transportation Networks</b></p>	<p><b>Improved Transit Service</b>, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New routes to more destinations</li> <li>• Faster, more reliable service</li> <li>• Improved stations/stops</li> </ul> <p><b>Carpool and Vanpool Programs</b>, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carpool matching services</li> <li>• New vanpool routes</li> </ul> <p><b>Pedestrian/Bike Improvements</b>, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved pedestrian network</li> <li>• Improved bicycle network</li> <li>• Pedestrian-scale lighting</li> </ul> <p><b>Emerging Mobility Options</b>, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bike share</li> <li>• Car share</li> <li>• Creative use of rideshare services to connect to transit</li> <li>• Shuttles</li> <li>• Carpool apps and programs</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Programs for Seniors and People with Disabilities</b></p>	<p><b>Accessible Information</b>, such as senior help lines and materials</p> <p><b>Targeted Transit/Shuttle Routes</b></p>
 <p><b>Healthier Communities</b></p>	<p><b>Encourage Clean Air Vehicles</b>, through strategies such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Credits for drivers</li> <li>• Purchase clean transit vehicles</li> </ul>

## ***Equity and Transportation Funding and Investments in the Portland Metro Region***

### ***Funding, Investments, Benefits and Burdens, and Restrictions***

Transportation funding and revenue allocation reinforces inequity in Oregon today. Many people worry that congestion pricing will hurt those least able to pay. However, our current system is inequitable. Not only are transportation funding sources regressive, but spending is also focused on automobile infrastructure over other transportation modes, as shown in Figure 4 below. Gas taxes rates are a fixed amount per gallon regardless of a driver’s ability to pay, and motor vehicle fees in Oregon are not correlated to a motorist’s income nor the value of the vehicle.



According to ODOT, the agency will collect over \$5.3 billion in total revenue during the 2017-2019 biennium: 23 percent of the funds coming from the federal government and 77 percent coming from state sources. Federal funds come from the Highway Trust Fund which attains 84 percent of its revenue from gas taxes. State funding sources include state fuels tax, taxes on heavy trucks, driver and motor vehicle fees, and bond proceeds and Certificates of Participation.

These funding sources are regressive. Gas taxes rates are a fixed amount per gallon regardless of a driver’s ability to pay. In addition, motor vehicle fees in Oregon are not correlated to a motorist’s income nor the value of the vehicle.

About \$1 billion (19 percent) of total revenue flowing through ODOT is distributed to Oregon cities, counties, and other agencies. This leaves about \$3.94 billion remaining for ODOT’s 2017–2019 biennial operating budget and ending balance. Figure 6 below illustrates the disparities that exist between revenues generated in total, and those that can be spent on non-automobile related investments.

This focus favors those with more means and encourages driving. It reinforces inequity with spending focused on auto infrastructure. The current structure will not achieve the region’s urgent climate and equity goals. In addition, health impacts from high automobile reliance disproportionately harm BIPOC and low-income communities. Low-income people spend a much higher percentage of their income on transportation than high income earners. As it functions today, the current funding and spending system will not help the region meet its equity and climate goals.

**Figure 6 Inequities within Today’s System**



**The Highway Division** accounts for about two-thirds, or about \$2 billion, of ODOT’s 2017–2019 legislatively approved budget. The division spends its resources on maintaining the highway system, bridge and pavement preservation projects, adding capacity to highways, and bicycle/pedestrian projects (Source: ODOT).

**Revenue Investments and Inequity**

The perception that everyone benefits or benefits equally from “free” roads not being priced is a misconception. Car-focused spending of transportation dollars favors people that can afford to purchase and maintain a private car and who drive more.

Roadway-focused spending disproportionately benefit white people and those that have more means. In the Portland Metro area, people of color are more likely to rely on transit, walking, and carpooling. Nearly 20% of African American households, 14% of Latino households, and 13% of Asian households live without a car (Source: Metro 2018 RTP). In addition, racial minorities are four times more likely than whites to rely on transit for their work commute.<sup>4</sup> Low-income people, disabled people, and seniors are also much more likely to rely on transit.

Government provision of free roads and auto infrastructure acts like a matching grant, whereby those that can afford to own and operate a car are given the benefit. Those that cannot afford auto ownership or that are unable to drive, do not receive the same benefit.

Transportation investments that focus on transit, walking, and biking infrastructure, especially if targeted to areas with concentrations of transportation disadvantaged groups can improve equity. Figure 7 demonstrates equity impacts of different investment strategies.

**Figure 7 Revenue Investment Equity Matrix**

REVENUE INVESTMENT EQUITY MATRIX	
INVESTMENT STRATEGY	EQUITY IMPACTS
Road expansion	Does not add more affordable options.
Mix of road expansion and transit	Some drivers can shift to new, more affordable modes. Transit users also benefit.
Transit, walking, and bike infrastructure with targeted carpool, vanpool, and new mobility options where needed	Allows greater shift to more affordable and sustainable modes.
Transit, walking, and bike infrastructure with an <b>intensive focus on vulnerable communities</b>	Significant expansion of commute options and a reduction in user costs (if fares are reduced on transit and other mobility options).

Source: TransForm

### Transportation Cost Burden

The transportation cost burden reflects the amount of household income that is spent on transportation-related expenses. Transportation-related expenses include the cost to own and operate a vehicle (including maintenance), to ride transit, and to own and maintain a bicycle. The transportation cost burden is typically around 20% of a household’s income. In the Portland region, this ranges from 10% - 35% of a household’s income and is directly correlated with income status. The lowest income households spend more than 1/3 of their salary on transportation, whereas those with

<sup>4</sup> Oregon Household Activity Survey, 2011



the highest incomes spend closer to 1/10 of their salary on transportation. This is illustrated in Figure 8 below.

There are also public health impacts correlated with race and income status. In the Portland region, the 10 lowest income and 10 highest minority neighborhoods experience more exposure to toxic air than the average neighborhood<sup>5</sup>.

**Figure 8 Inequitable Transportation Cost Burden**



### **Potential Limitations on the Use of Revenues**

The use of revenue generated from a congestion pricing program may be subject to legal limits at the state and/or federal level. In May 1980, Measure 1 passed. The specific Oregon constitutional language states “[...] **use of revenue from taxes on motor vehicle use and fuel [...] shall be used exclusively for the construction, reconstruction, improvement, repair, maintenance, operation and use of public highways, roads, streets and roadside rest areas in this state**” (Article IX Section 3a). This provision *may* place limits on spending from a congestion pricing program depending on whether the different types of congestion pricing are deemed to be a tax or a fee. Based on past practices, the limit is unlikely to apply to parking charges. However, it is unclear how the other pricing tools may be affected.

Metro also assessed which items the Highway Trust Fund dollars could be spent on. There is some uncertainty regarding restrictions that would need to be explored as program or project efforts moved forward.

### **How to Create Holistic Projects within this Potential Limitation**

**Potential spending limitations do not have to get in the way of a holistic approach to solving transportation problems when implementing congestion pricing.** Based on best practices research and input from pricing experts, congestion pricing projects should incorporate an in-depth analysis of potential benefits and impacts for the project early on. Then, the congestion pricing project *itself* can be defined to include investments that address impacts and bring about improvements to safety, equity, climate, and mobility. That could include any strategy that addresses concerns that are not listed as eligible for funding based on creating a project that works for the region.

<sup>5</sup> 2012 Portland Air Toxics Solutions Committee Report and Recommendations, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality.

## 2.2 Equity in the Regional Transportation Plan

The Regional Congestion Pricing Study (RCPS) is a technical analysis that was identified in the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) as an implementation action. Metro's leadership has long recognized the importance of pairing investments in transportation capacity building with travel demand management tools. Consequently, Chapter Eight of the RTP directed staff to conduct an analysis to understand the ability for different congestion pricing tools to help the region meet its priorities: addressing congestion/mobility, addressing climate, addressing equity, and addressing safety.

The RTP was created with over three years of extensive engagement to identify priorities and needed analysis. Therefore, the RCPS focused on the technical analysis of potential outcomes of different types of pricing as they would function in the Portland area, based on its specific land use and transportation system. Engagement was focused on getting input on the proposed methods of analysis and indicators of success – outcome equity rather than process equity. The next steps for the region, proposing projects or developing policy around the technical findings, should feature a deeper level of engagement.

The RCPS used transportation modeling to assess benefits and impacts for different types of congestion pricing; in particular, whether these tools could help the region meet its priorities. These benefits and impacts were assessed for the equity focus areas in comparison to the region to better understand potential unintended consequences resulting from congestion pricing. The details of these findings are included in Chapter 5: Scenario Modeling Overview & Findings.

## 2.3 Equity Measures Included in the RCPS Effort

Equity was a central tenet to the RCPS analysis. The analysis started with a review of the region's current transportation system (see Chapter 3). It is acknowledged that the transportation network is not equitable and continues to reinforce inequity through the taxing system in how revenues are collected and spent. Furthermore, the RCPS analysis explored what access looks like specifically for the equity focus areas within the Portland Metropolitan Region, and for specific transportation disadvantaged groups. There is agreement that congestion pricing is a tool that could improve equity if implemented correctly. Best practices and input from equity stakeholders/experts are important and are established in this Chapter. The Chapter also documents those equity outcomes featured in the RCPS methodology and analysis, as well as guidance from equity experts at CORE, EMAC, and the POEM Task Force consulted as part of the RCPS effort.

The equity analysis relied on research and analysis and input from experts in the field with experience addressing equity as a part of congestion pricing programs and methods for obtaining meaningful feedback from often marginalized communities. In addition, the Metro team reached out to three groups with equity expertise in the region for feedback on the methodology: Metro's CORE, the City of Portland's POEM Task Force, and ODOT's EMAC.

The Metro team explained that primary indicators of whether a program is equitable are focused on how a program is designed. The same pricing project (i.e., \$3.00 toll to drive on a road) can have vastly different equity impacts depending on these considerations:

- Is affordability built into the program?
- Are there caps or discounts for key populations? Do they take into account the ability to pay or the accessibility of alternatives to driving? Who is paying and how much?
- Where are the revenues invested? (i.e., are they invested in key neighborhoods with equity issues or that are impacted negatively by the new charges?)
- Are they invested in transit, pedestrian facilities, or transit that disproportionately serve marginalized groups?
- Are they invested in senior and disabled services or targeted to other key groups?
- Who benefits?
- Is the pricing program designed to target the mobility benefits and/or air quality benefits to populations and areas that have been historically marginalized?

The analysis of different pricing scenarios was not iterative and did not dive into how the program elements around equity would be addressed within a project. Rather, the RCPS used available technical tools to understand potential benefits and areas of concern by modeling and mapping different pricing scenarios. This was done by testing different pricing strategies against baseline conditions and other potential strategies, assessing performance with the Portland region's land use and transportation system to see what the outcomes would be for the general population and key groups, and incorporating feedback from Equity Stakeholders and Experts. The technical tools used for this effort included Metro's travel demand model, Metro's Multiple Criteria Evaluation tool, GIS, and Census data.

RCPS methods to assess equity performance of different pricing scenarios included:

- Applying best practices when conducting the analysis;
- Crafting recommendations for any future projects and policies to incorporate best practices;
- Reaching out to equity groups for feedback on methods and gather feedback;
- Using Metro's regional transportation model to demonstrate how congestion pricing tools can perform in our region with our land use and our transportation system;
- Comparing different pricing scenarios' performance relative to each other and to a baseline scenario from the RTP (the 2027 Financially-Constrained Scenario);
- Analyzing model outputs that demonstrate equity – primarily improvements to access to jobs via transit and automobile; and
- Generating maps that show changes in transportation costs and mobility benefits geographically distributed through the Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA).

Metro produced several maps including:

- Changes in travel costs for residents (increased or decreased costs) relative to the base scenario for census tracts;
- Changes in access to jobs by transit from the census tracts relative to the base scenario (45-minute access);

- Changes in access to jobs via automobile for census tracts relative to the base scenario (30-minute access); and
- Overlays of the equity focus areas to demonstrate whether pricing scenarios result in impacts or benefits for key populations of concern.

The analysis also measured whether there were improvements in access to community places<sup>6</sup> that provide key services and/or daily needs. For this high-level review, Metro did not delve deeper into census data and mapping that could be predictive of equity impacts – such as potential impacts and benefits to households with disabilities, elderly populations, or other potential transportation considerations. An actual pricing project would be expected to perform an in-depth assessment of the benefits or impacts to these groups and determine if it was appropriate to modify the design of the project or introduce mitigations for negative impacts such as fee discounts or caps for key groups or geographies, or investments in infrastructure or services that would improve transportation benefits for negatively impacted groups.

Table 3 shows the performance measures used to assess how well different pricing tolls performed relative to the four regional priorities.

**Table 3 RTP Priorities and Performance Measures**

2018 RTP Priority	Outcome Being Measured	Performance Measures Proposed for RCPS (All measures except safety are outputs from Metro’s Regional Transportation Model)
<b>Equity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accessibility</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to jobs (emphasis on middle-wage)</li> <li>• Access to community places</li> </ul>
<b>Safety</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eliminate fatal &amp; severe injury crashes for all modes of travel</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Level of investment in improvements that address fatalities and serious injuries on high injury corridors or roadways experiencing diversion (safety countermeasures)</li> </ul>
<b>Climate Change</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce emissions from vehicles</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Percent reduction of greenhouse gases per capita</li> <li>• Percent reduction of criteria pollutants and transportation air toxics</li> <li>• Percent reduction of vehicle miles traveled per capita</li> <li>• Shift in travel behavior</li> </ul>
<b>Traffic Congestion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multimodal travel times</li> <li>• Mode split/shift</li> <li>• Mode miles traveled (e.g., person miles traveled, vehicle miles traveled)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Travel time between regional origin-destination pairs during mid-day and evening commute hour peak by mode of travel (e.g., auto, transit)</li> <li>• Mode split for single-occupancy vehicles</li> <li>• System-wide number of miles traveled (total and share of overall travel) by different modes of travel</li> <li>• Avg weekday transit boardings for all transit service providers (e.g., TriMet, SMART, C-TRAN and Portland Streetcar, Inc.)</li> </ul>

<sup>6</sup> Community places, for purposes of this analysis, included hospitals and other medical services, civic places, such as post offices, churches, social services, libraries, schools and colleges, financial institutions, such as banks and credit unions, grocery stores, and essential retail services, such as hardware stores, pharmacies and laundry services.

## 2.4 Targeted Engagement with Equity Stakeholders and Experts

Metro reached out to three groups with expertise in equity: Metro’s CORE, the City of Portland’s POEM Task Force, and ODOT’s EMAC to discuss and receive feedback on the RCPS methods for assessing equity benefits and impacts.

Metro met with the entire CORE group to introduce the RCPS in September 2020, and then with a subset of the CORE to discuss methods in more depth in December 2020; with a subgroup of the POEM Task Force in December, and with the EMAC in February 2021.

Metro shared the technical nature of the study to understand the outcome equity of different types of pricing. Staff also shared that a program would need to be designed to address equity by building affordability into a pricing program (potential discounts and exemptions), focusing revenue on equity outcomes (key neighborhoods, transit/bike/pedestrian facilities, and senior and disabled services), and targeting pricing benefits to key locations (mobility benefits and air quality).

Metro reviewed the RCPS methods to assess benefits and impacts to equity by focusing access to jobs and community places and transportation costs. These benefits and impacts would be mapped and how they impacted EFAs would be compared to how they impacted the general region. In addition, the study would assess travel times, costs, mode shift, and congestion, and reductions in emissions and pollutants.

The groups discussed these items and generally agreed that the metrics and focus on the geographic distribution of benefits and costs were helpful to understand pricing tools’ performance. The groups also agreed that an actual project/program would need to conduct a much more detailed analysis. Finally, they agreed that the current system is inequitable.

Key themes heard from the groups:

- Go beyond a toolkit
- Community must be engaged throughout projects;
- Design scenarios to address barriers
- Promises made for equity are not guaranteed
  - How can we ensure targeted revenue, discounts, etc. are carried out?
- Pricing should be paired with an access strategy;
- Access to jobs, education, and community services;
- Public health should be considered –*emissions helpful, but there is more*;
- Focus on the future state we want then assess where the benefits occur;
- Concern that wealthier drivers will just pay the toll and continue business as usual;
- Focus on using revenues to make alternative transportation and transit more viable for BIPOC and low-income communities (ex. “transportation wallet”);
- Concern over potentially disparate impacts

- BIPOC and low-income residents, especially those who commute off-peak and to multiple jobs;
- Suburban/rural areas versus urban areas that are less car dependent;
- Issues with car culture/difficulty in using transit/privacy concerns;
- How can a pricing project increase equity rather than “do no harm”?
- How will COVID / work from home change commute patterns and needs?
- Interest in continuing the conversation.
- Establish post-deployment monitoring.

## ***How should Metro and its partners engage equity focus areas in the process in future phases of study?***

During the planning process, the agency should identify the equity focus areas (census tracts that represent communities where the rate of people of color (POC) or people with limited English proficiency (LEP) is greater than the regional average or people with low income) that exist within the Portland region. These are the communities that should be included in discussions with Metro and its partners to evaluate the impacts of congestion pricing. While doing this, the agency can engage and form partnerships with neighborhoods, community leaders, and community organizations to address any concerns such as affordability, access to opportunities, and community health.

In addition, resources should be provided to lower income communities and neighborhoods that are in the vicinity of roadways being considered in pricing scenarios. Some potential resources for these communities should include introducing programs to dedicate pricing revenues to affordability programs for low-income auto-users, public transit improvements, and bicycle and pedestrian improvements in communities faced with heavy congestion and health disparities.

Based on the best practices and analysis, the community engagement for upcoming efforts should be focused on communities of color and individuals with different languages and different levels of English proficiency that would potentially be disproportionately impacted by transportation projects which feature congestion pricing. Best practices would be to invite community members to join the planning process during the early stages of the project and work with community leaders who can be advocates for the communities that they represent. Community-based organizations can serve as an effective liaison for reaching communities of color. There are *many* diverse community and ethnic groups in the region; including the Bhutanese, Nepali, Micronesian, Chuukese, Malaysian, Singaporean, Syrian, Thai, Filipinos, Indian, indigenous, and African groups that are usually underrepresented during the community engagement process. To engage these groups further, working with ethnic media outlets may encourage more ethnic groups to be involved and to stay well-informed during the planning process. As with other best practices, ethnic media should be engaged early in the planning process.



## **Community organizations that should be included in future outreach:**

1. Pacific-islander Asian Family Center & Immigrant and Refugee Community
2. African House
3. Slavic Center
4. Asian Health Center
5. Lutheran Church
6. Catholic Charity
7. Latino Network
8. Urban League
9. Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon
10. Neighborhood Associations
11. Japan-America Society of Oregon
12. Japanese American Citizens League
13. Japanese American Museum of Oregon (formally known as Oregon Nikkei Legacy center)
14. Chinese American Citizens Alliance-Portland Lodge
15. Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association
16. The Filipino American Association of Portland & Vicinity

Throughout the early planning phases, Metro and its partners should solicit advice from community leaders and liaisons to craft key messages that are culturally relevant and sensitive. Some people of color have fluent English proficiency, whereas others will have limited English proficiency (LEP).

Once relationships with communities and community leaders have been established, Metro and its partners can continue to work with trusted community leaders to engage with other community members who may be less informed about the effort. Additional opportunities for community participation such as speaking and engaging at local events and gatherings and reaching out to student populations is encouraged to increase the level of participation.

Main takeaways for public outreach to communities of color are to:

- Be mindful of the public's interest
- Build long-term and meaningful relationships
- Ensure that the information being discussed is easy to understand
- Provide ample time for community members to participate

### 3 A QUICK LOOK AT THE SYSTEM TODAY

The current transportation system in the Metro region, in Oregon, and across the United States is not equitable and continues to reinforce inequity through the taxing system in how revenues are collected and spent. This section explores today’s transportation funding sources, funding restrictions, and access to jobs for the region’s equity focus areas.

#### 3.1 Mapping Access to Opportunity via Auto and Transit

A first step in the RCPS was to analyze the current conditions of the transportation system. Several indicators, such as access to jobs by transit, equity focus areas, and low-income residents, help to document how the transportation system is currently serving people in Portland. These indicators help to frame the technical analysis results and what the influence of a congestion pricing program could be on the region in Chapter 5.

##### *Equity Focus Areas*

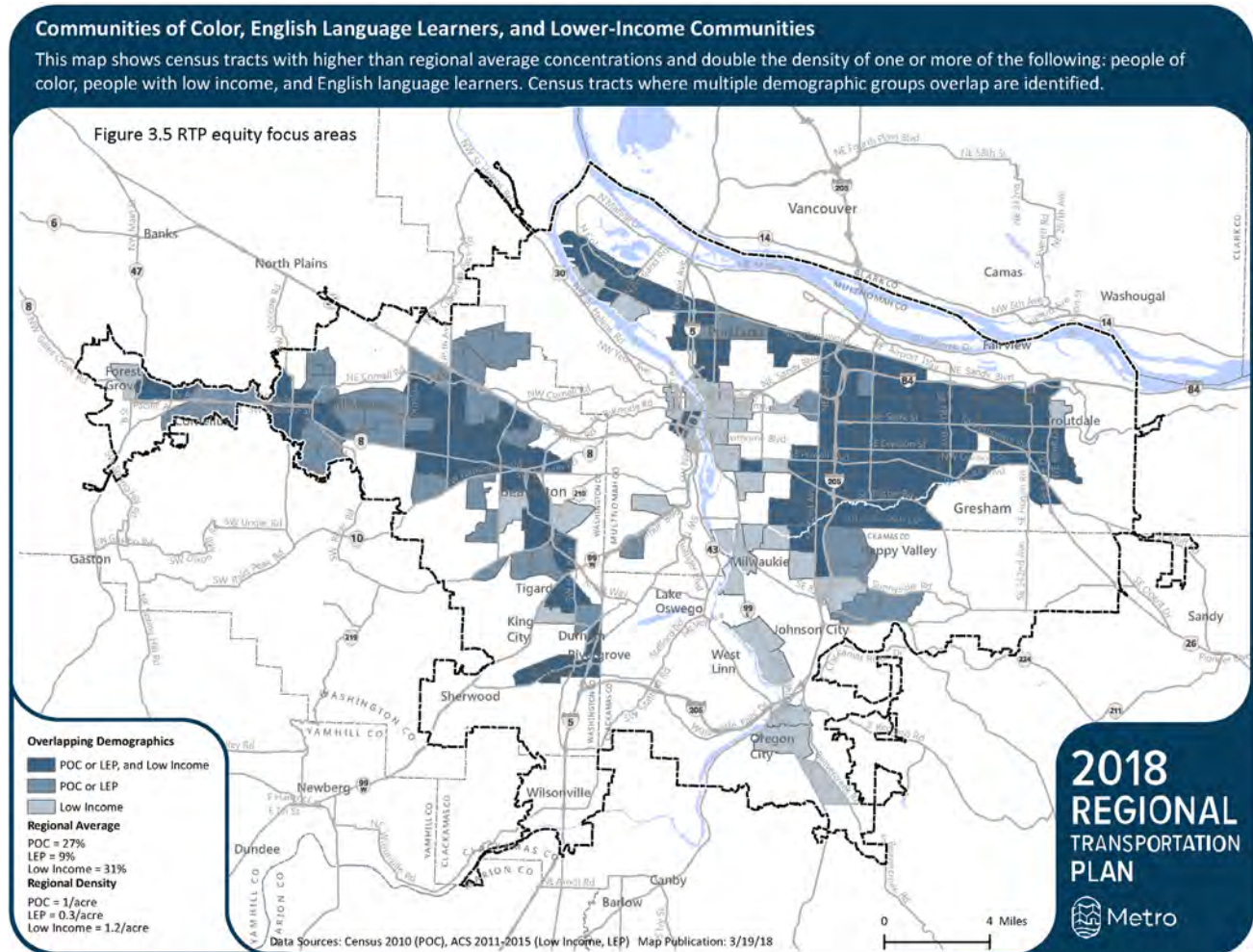
As part of the 2018 RTP equity analysis, Metro identified equity focus areas (EFAs), which are census tracts with high concentrations of people of color, people in poverty and people with limited English proficiency. **Table 4** indicates the thresholds used for identifying EFAs, while Figure 9 displays the locations of EFAs within the region. These EFAs were used to help analyze scenarios tested as part of this study. More in-depth analysis of benefits and impacts would be necessary before implementing a pricing program. Other congestion pricing studies or projects may study impacts to EFA populations, or to additional populations as appropriate.

**Table 4 Equity Focus Areas**

Community	Geography Threshold
<b>People of Color</b>	The census tracts which are above the regional rate for people of color (28.6%) AND the census tract has twice (2x) the population density of the regional average (regional average is 1.1 person per acre).
<b>People in Poverty</b>	The census tracts which are above the regional rate for low-income households (28.5%) AND the census tract has twice (2x) the population density of the regional average (regional average is 1.1 person per acre).
<b>People with Limited English Proficiency</b>	The census tracts which are above the regional rate for limited English proficiency speakers (7.9%) AND the census tract has twice (2x) the population density of the regional average (regional average is .3 person per acre).

Source: Metro, 2018 RTP transportation equity work group

**Figure 9 RTP Equity Focus Areas**



**Job Access (Auto) – Equity Considerations**

The Metro RCPS analyzed eight different pricing scenarios. To understand impacts and benefits from the scenarios the project team mapped the changes in access to jobs and cost to travel by Transportation Analysis Zone (TAZ). These data were then combined in a third bivariate map to demonstrate how benefits and costs are distributed across the Metropolitan Planning Area. In addition, equity focus areas were overlaid on the bivariate maps to understand the potential impacts to some equity populations.

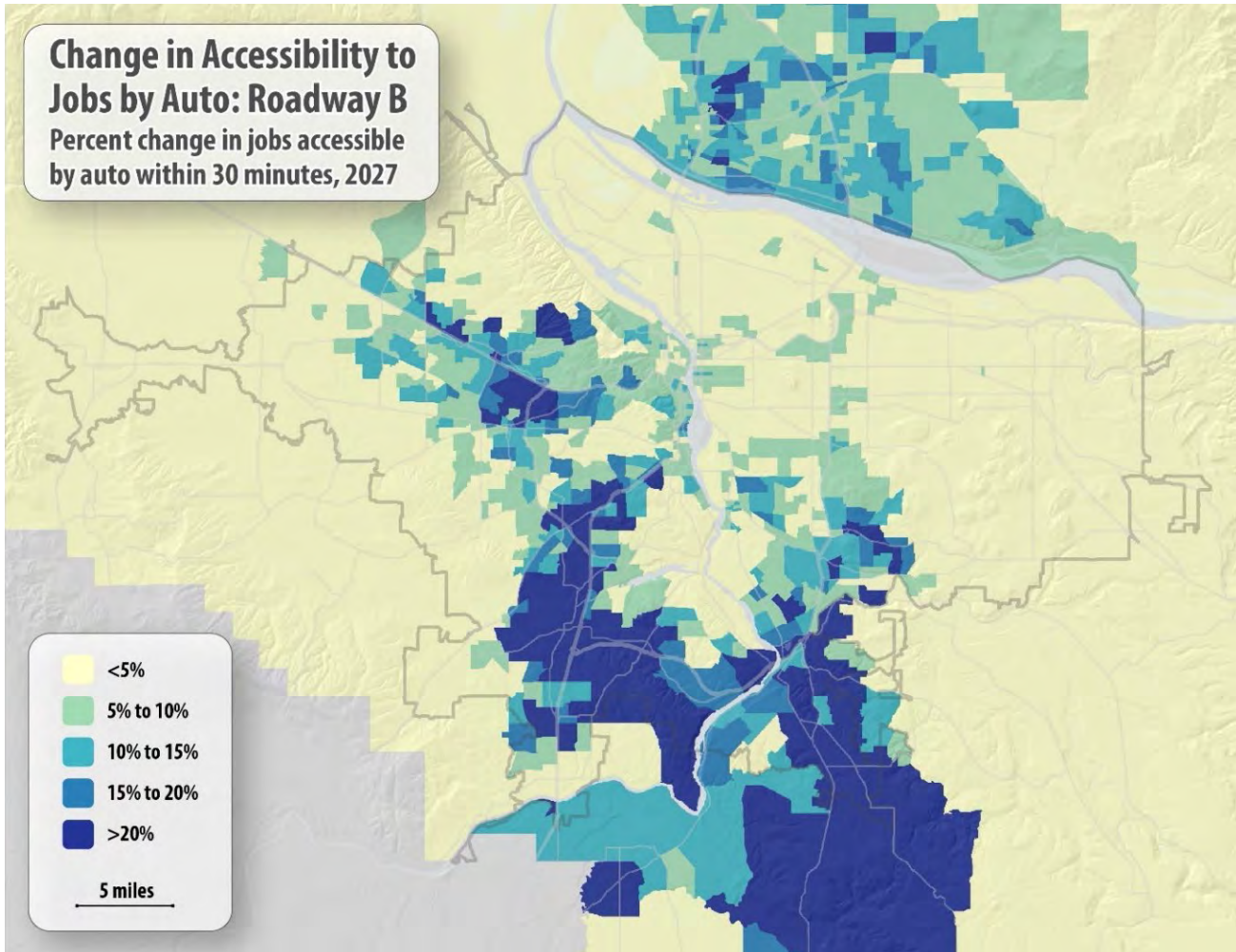
This section provides an example of a detailed equity analysis based on the modeling results. This example is for the Roadway B scenario, in which all freeways and limited-access highways within the Metropolitan Planning Area were tolled. The full set of maps for the other scenarios is included as Appendix D.

- Access to jobs by auto generally improved in areas close to the tolled throughways. The Access to Jobs by Auto map (Figure 10) reflects the change in the number of jobs that *could* be accessed by drivers by geographic area due purely to travel time changes on roadways.

- Due to the *cost* of travel on the tolled roadways some commuters would choose not to take the fastest route. Modelled tolls on throughways caused a reduction of auto volumes on those roads as some drivers changed their routes, chose different modes, or chose different destinations to avoid tolls.
- Areas along US-26, OR-217, I-5 south of downtown Portland and I-205 showed improved access to jobs, as did Clark County, where access to jobs in Portland improved with faster travel on I-5 and I-205.
- Areas near I-5 in Oregon north of downtown Portland and near I-84 showed minimal change despite their proximity to tolled freeways. These areas already had good access to many jobs in multiple directions—although the faster travel times on throughways increased the number of jobs available to drivers here, the *percentage* changed was not particularly high. These areas include many EFAs.
- Overall, Equity Focus Areas did not benefit as much from improved auto access compared to non-EFA's from every pricing scenario studied, including the Roadway B scenario.
- Areas further from tolled throughways tended to experience worse access to jobs by auto, which include some EFA areas. With fewer options of using the faster tolled roadways and competing with traffic on arterials that diverted from those tolled roadways, commuters here experienced somewhat slower travel by autos and transit.
- A clear exception is in the area southeast of Oregon City, which showed high increases in jobs accessibility. This indicates that – while not near a large number of jobs – most of the jobs accessed from here are reached by freeway, so improvements in travel time on freeways result in a larger than average increase in the percent of jobs accessible.

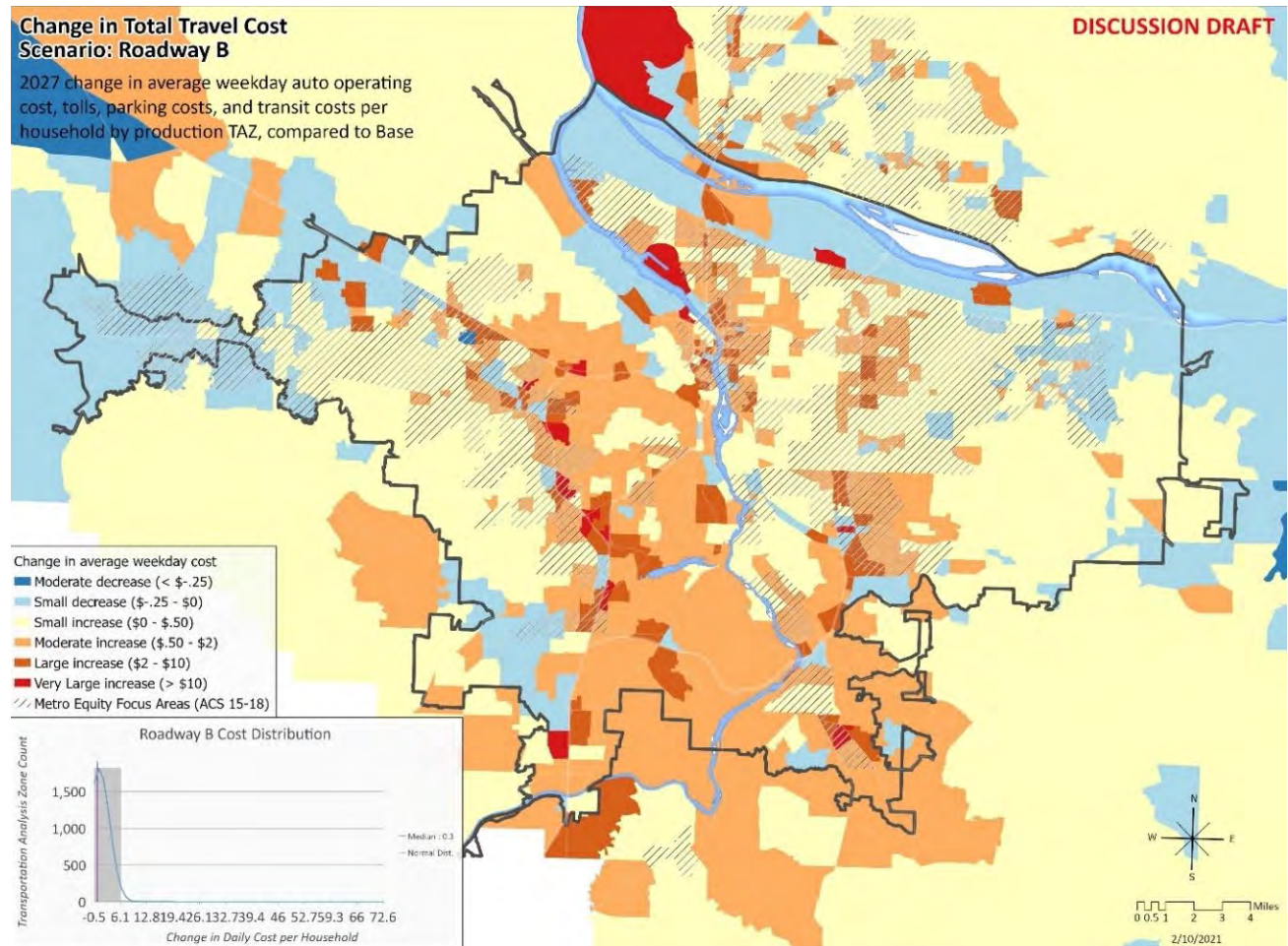


Figure 10 Jobs Accessible by Auto



Similarly, the costs were also higher for commuters in areas nearest the freeways. The Change in Total Travel Costs map (Figure 11) reflects the travel choices made by modeled commuters, accounting for travel time *and* cost. In areas near tolled throughways, commuters tended to choose driving and paying a toll to benefit from the faster freeway travel times. This pattern is most evident along OR-217, US 26, I-5, and I-205. Commuters in areas further away from the tolled facilities would have fewer opportunities to benefit from faster throughways but would still have to contend with more traffic on arterials due to diversion from throughways, slowing their commutes and increasing their auto operating costs. These commuters also tended to have the fewest transportation alternatives.

**Figure 11 Change in Total Travel Cost**

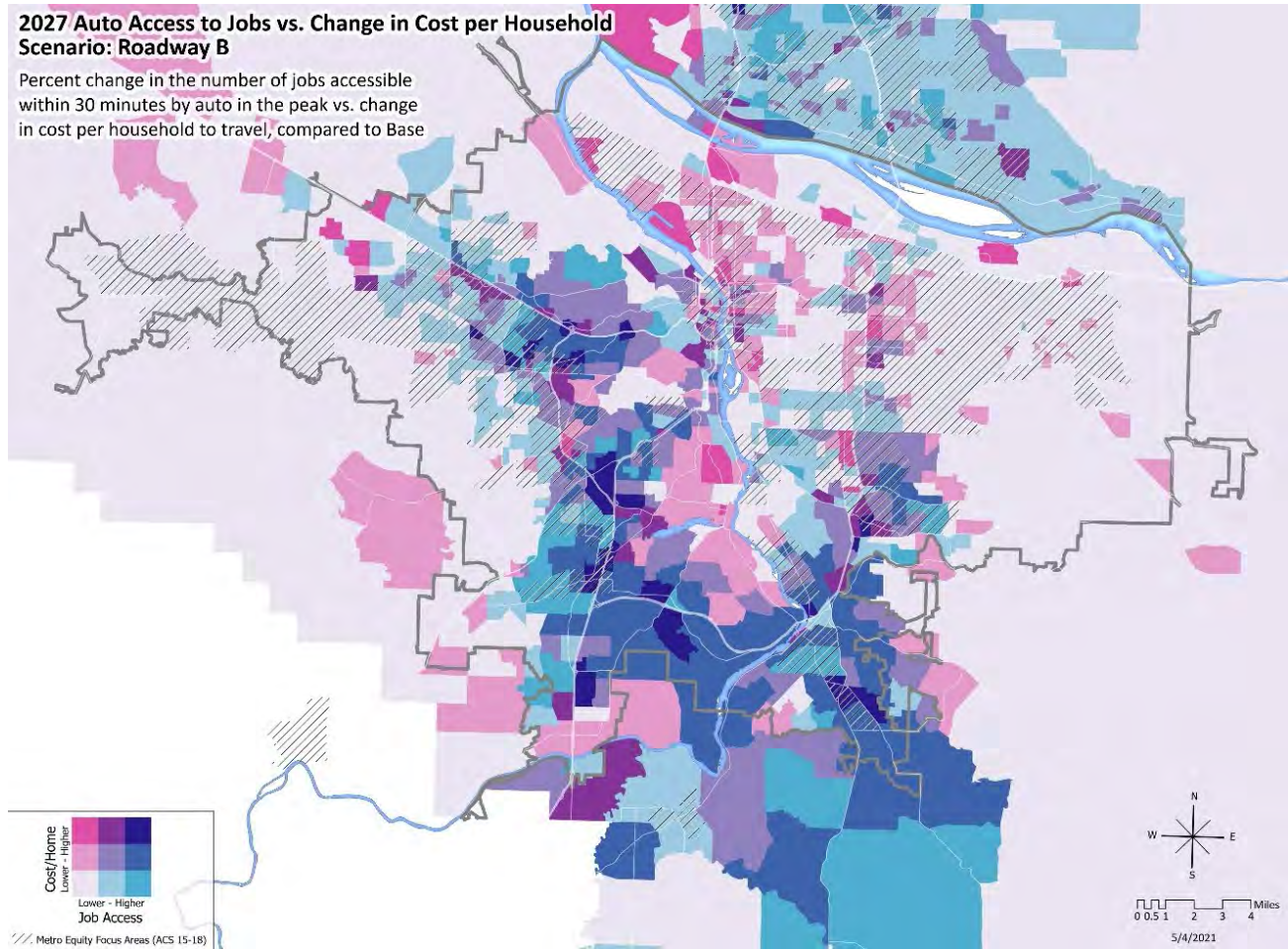


***Auto Access to Jobs vs Change in Cost per Household***

The map in Figure 12 combines the modelled access to jobs by auto with the total travel costs for Roadway B. Areas with higher costs and the most improvement in jobs accessibility were again generally along throughways—especially along US 26, OR-217, I-5 south of Portland, I-205, and in Clark County. Commuters in areas away from freeways experienced a combination of higher costs and less improvement in jobs access by auto, as they didn’t benefit as much from the faster travel on tolled roads but endured higher traffic from diversion that slowed their routes on arterials. These areas also tended to be further away from jobs and had fewer alternatives to driving. Commuters in areas in North and Northeast Portland and the east Multnomah County, despite their proximity to tolled throughways, experienced higher costs without high improvements in auto accessibility to jobs, again likely due to the already high number of jobs available to them before tolling.



**Figure 12 Auto Access to Jobs vs Costs**



Freeway and highway toll implementation requires special consideration to areas where commuters experience a combination of little travel time benefit and higher costs, yet who also have fewer choices and live further from jobs. Commuters in these areas could be assisted by improvements in the bus network, such as bus only lanes on busy arterials or increased transit frequencies, though these are often the locations where expansion of transit is most costly and difficult. Further exploration of origin-destination jobs data could provide an understanding of where commuters in these areas work and allow for more targeted transit investments and other efficient and affordable mobility strategies. Low-income commuters in these areas could also be provided with discounts or exemptions to mitigate these impacts. Additionally, a tolling program could be designed with variable pricing, where trips made off-peak have lower or no tolls, while trips during the peak experience higher tolls. Particularly in east Multnomah County and Clackamas County, census data shows that a higher proportion of the population commutes outside of traditional peak hours; a lower off-peak toll would mean that these commuters might not be as negatively impacted by a tolling program.

### **Summary of Other Pricing Scenarios**

**VMT Scenarios:** Costs were higher in every area of the region as all auto trips were charged, and especially higher in more rural areas where trips were longer and where there were fewer alternatives to driving available. Access to jobs improved for all areas as well, with the highest percentage increase

south and west of downtown Portland. In East Portland and eastern Multnomah County, the percent increases were less as jobs accessibility was high to begin with. As a result, these areas experienced a combination of higher costs without significant improvement in jobs access, especially concerning because some of these areas encompass many equity focus areas.

**Cordon Scenarios:** Areas inside the cordon boundary experienced lower costs and higher jobs access because of the decreasing traffic within the cordon as drivers avoided through trips and diverted to throughways and arterials adjacent to the corridor. This diversion slowed traffic in areas just outside of the cordon, causing higher costs and lower jobs accessibility. A few scattered areas away from the cordon, mainly along throughways such as Highway 217, US 26, and I-5, experienced higher costs and less jobs accessibility, suggesting many drivers here chose to pay the fee to enter the cordon, or travel the more congested freeways near or across downtown, resulting in higher operating costs.

**Parking Scenarios:** Parking Scenario A showed very little change in jobs accessibility or costs throughout the region. Parking Scenario B showed little change in jobs accessibility as travel times to employment areas were not significantly impacted with increased parking charges but showed some improvement in costs in downtown Portland and nearby surrounding areas. These locations have good transit service, so parking charges could be easily avoided. Of all scenarios, Parking B had the largest increase in transit ridership. In eastern Multnomah County, and areas of Washington and Clackamas Counties west and southwest of downtown, costs rose, suggesting that fewer drivers who pay to park switched to transit. Transit service that serves employment areas may not be as easy to access for people living in these locations. Equity focus areas did not benefit as much as non-equity focus areas. Equity focus areas showed a smaller percent increase in jobs accessible by auto than non-equity focus areas.

### **Considerations**

This mapping exercise demonstrates the importance for projects and programs to thoroughly analyze data to understand where the benefits (like access and travel time improvements) and costs (like financial costs and increased traffic congestion on nearby streets) are concentrated. This will allow a project to:

- Adjust the project design to maximize benefits and minimize impacts
- Identify geographic distribution of benefits, impacts, and costs (who is affected? Where are there impacts?) Benefits can be targeted to areas that have been disadvantaged
- Address costs and impacts
- Build affordability into the program --discounts or caps to vulnerable groups or impacted areas

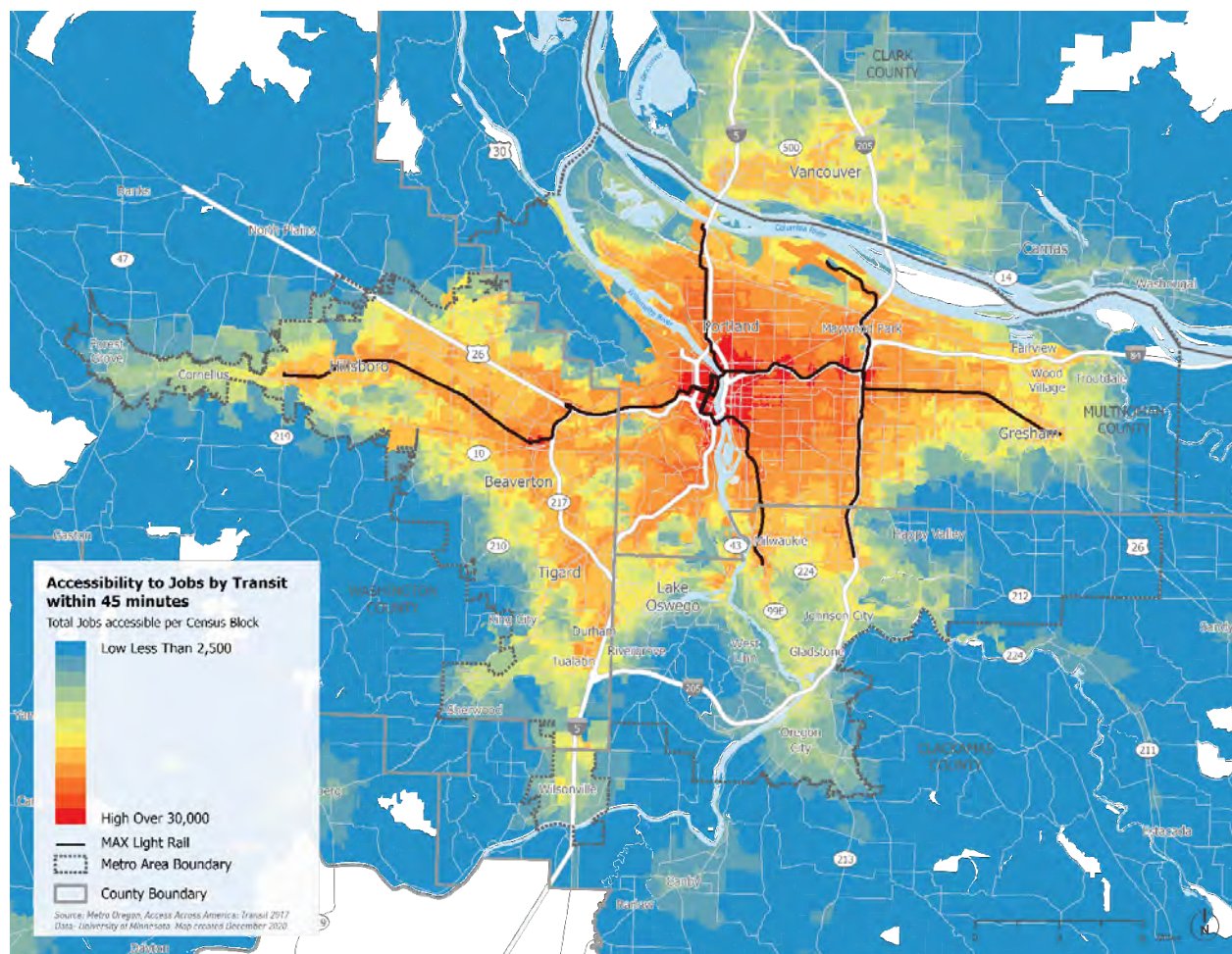
Revenue can be focused on equity and addressing impacts. For example, diversion onto nearby streets resulting in more traffic could be addressed with safety improvements or transit improvements.



## Job Access (Transit) – Equity Considerations

Access to jobs via transit is one of the best ways to understand overall economic access and ability to rely on transit as the main means of mobility<sup>7</sup>. The number of accessible jobs within a set time frame also measures the strength of the transit network at any given location. This is because it measures the speed of transit as well as where transit services from that area go, and which other services are accessible via transferring. Transit access to jobs with 45 minutes during the A.M. peak correlates directly with access to the MAX Light Rail (see Figure 13). Because the light rail network is fast, frequent, and oriented to Downtown Portland (which is both the region’s major job center and where transfer opportunities are highest), areas adjacent to this network have the highest job access via transit. Figure 13 displays 2017 data and is a product of the University of Minnesota Accessibility Observatory, which collects data about transit access for the 50 largest metropolitan areas in the U.S.<sup>8</sup>

**Figure 13** Accessibility to Jobs by Transit (2017)



<sup>7</sup> Community places include hospitals and other medical services, civic places such as post offices, churches, social services, libraries, schools and colleges, financial institutions, grocery stores, and essential retail services such as hardware stores, pharmacies, and laundry services.

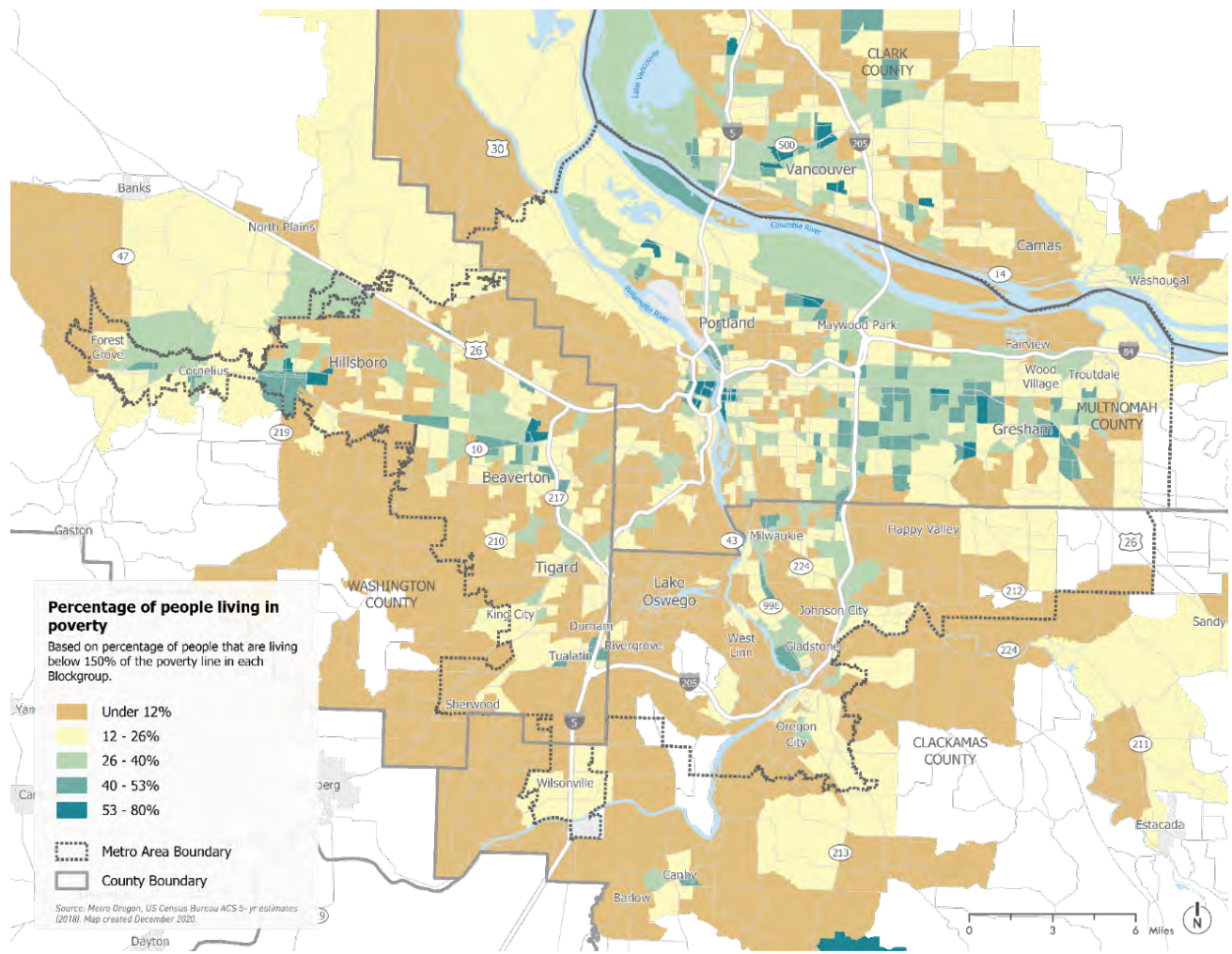
<sup>8</sup> Owen, Andrew; Murphy, Brendan. (2020). Access Across America: Transit 2018 Data. Retrieved from the Data Repository for the University of Minnesota, <https://doi.org/10.13020/jnek-yh07>.

## Low-Income Residents

Low-income residents are one of the three populations used to identify EFAs. They merit particular consideration with congestion pricing because they have fewer resources to put toward transportation-related costs. Figure 14 displays the percentage of people living in poverty (at or below 150% of the poverty line) according to the 2015-2019 ACS. All areas in blue have poverty rates above the area mean. Areas with high poverty rates include:

- Downtown Portland
- North Portland
- Outer East Side and Gresham
- Beaverton
- Hillsdale
- Hillsboro
- Vancouver
- Clackamas County

**Figure 14 Percentage of People Living in Poverty (2018)**

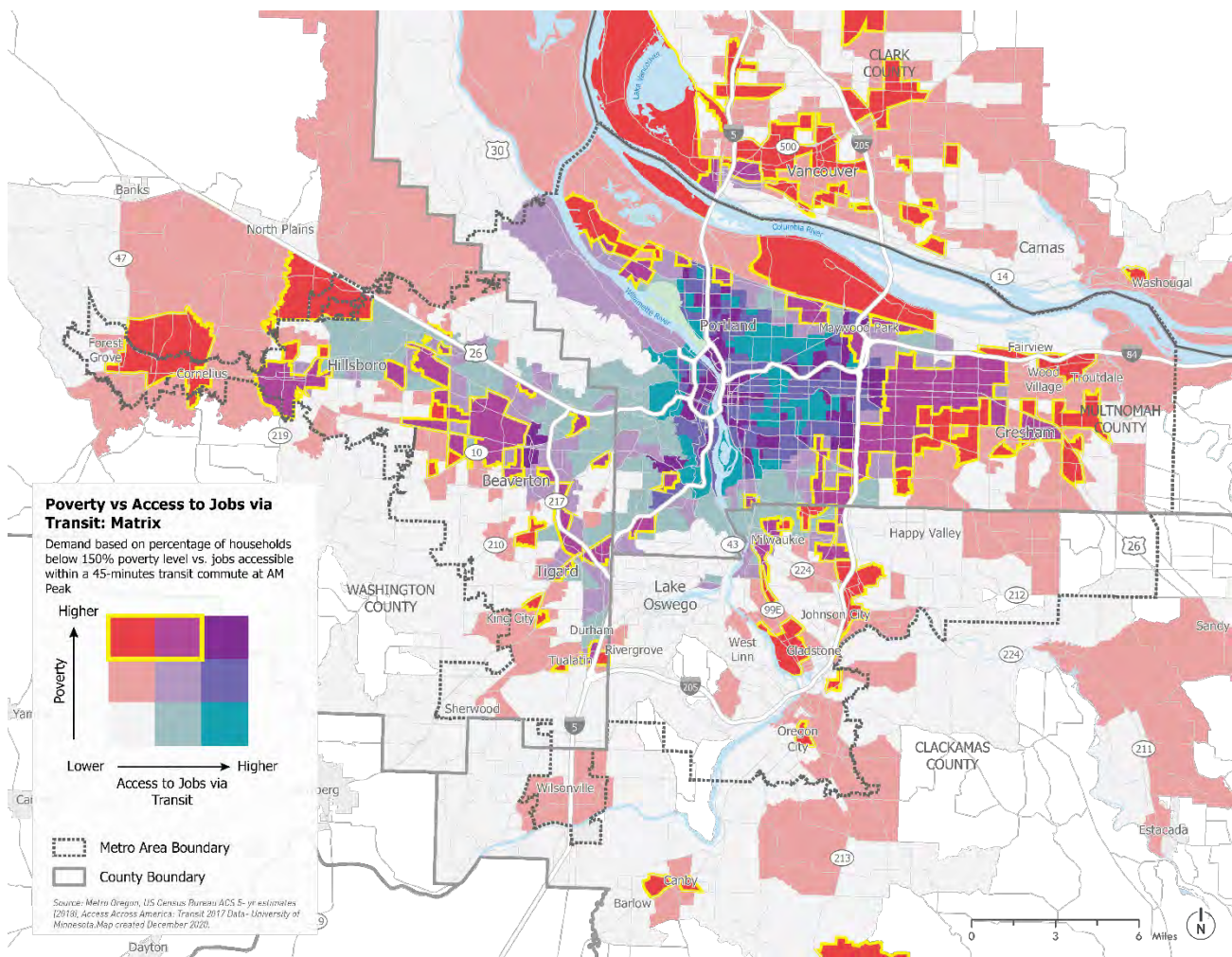




## Poverty Versus Access to Jobs via Transit

Comparing the number of jobs accessible within 45 minutes by transit to areas with high proportions of low-income residents reveals where residents with high transit needs are underserved compared to the region (see Figure 15). While downtown Portland, north Portland, and parts of east Portland have high poverty rates, they also have high levels of transit access. Areas in red and purple outlined by yellow are where transit access is low or moderate and poverty levels are high, which appear mainly in outer east Portland, Gresham, Beaverton, Vancouver, and Clackamas County. The areas that are grey or light blue have lower transit access, but also lower rates of poverty, meaning residents are more likely to have resources to put toward transportation. Targeted efforts to increase transit access in areas with high poverty rates and low transit access could greatly improve the economic integration of these areas.

**Figure 15** Poverty vs Access to Jobs via Transit: Matrix

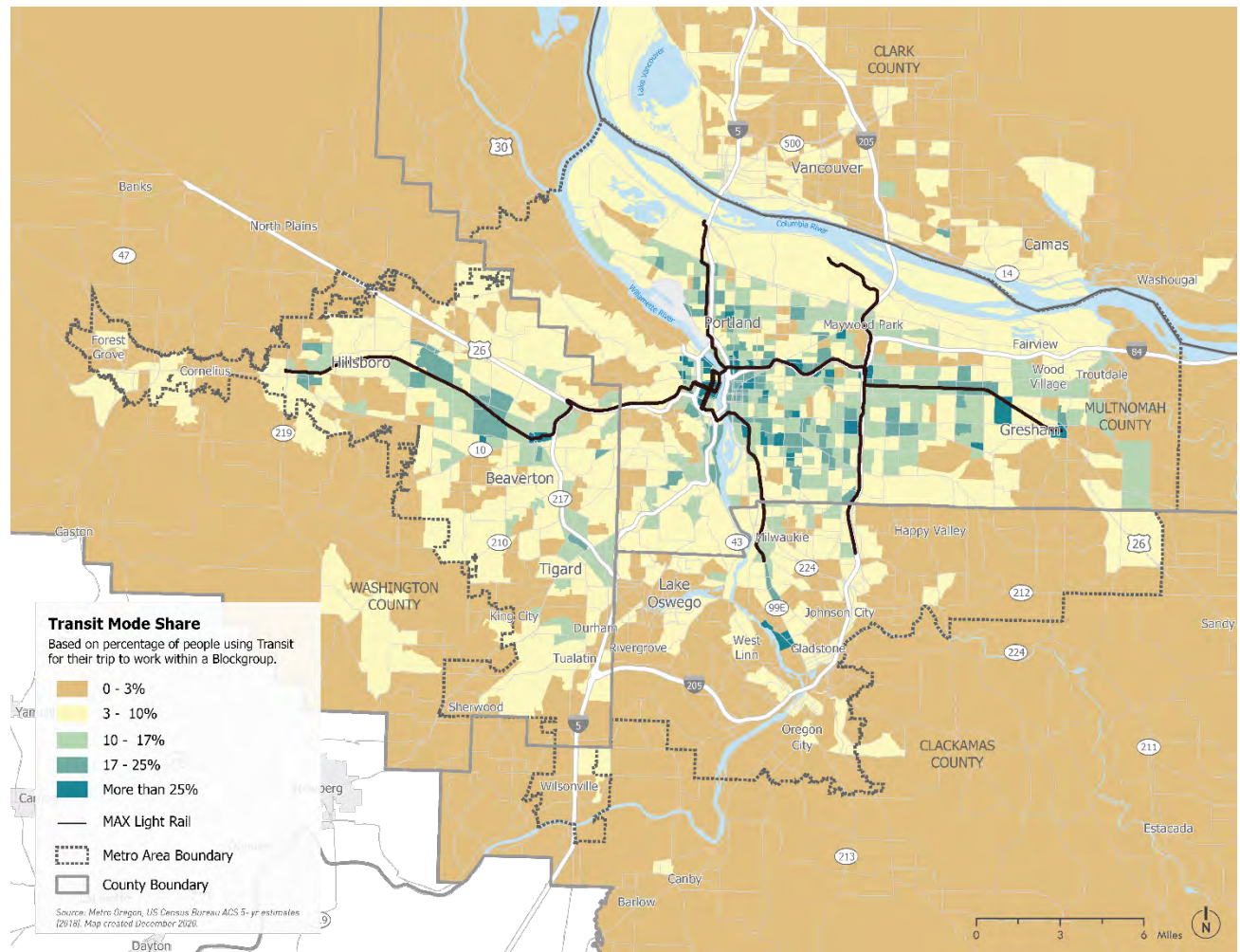


## Transit Mode Share

The percentage of transit commuters varies broadly across the study area (see Figure 16). Similar to most major cities in the United States, transit mode share is highest in downtown and the surrounding areas. This is due to both appropriate land use for high transit ridership and high transit access. Transit

use is also above average (represented by blue areas on the map) in north Portland, outer east Portland, Gresham, Beaverton, and Hillsboro.

**Figure 16 Transit Mode Share (2018)**



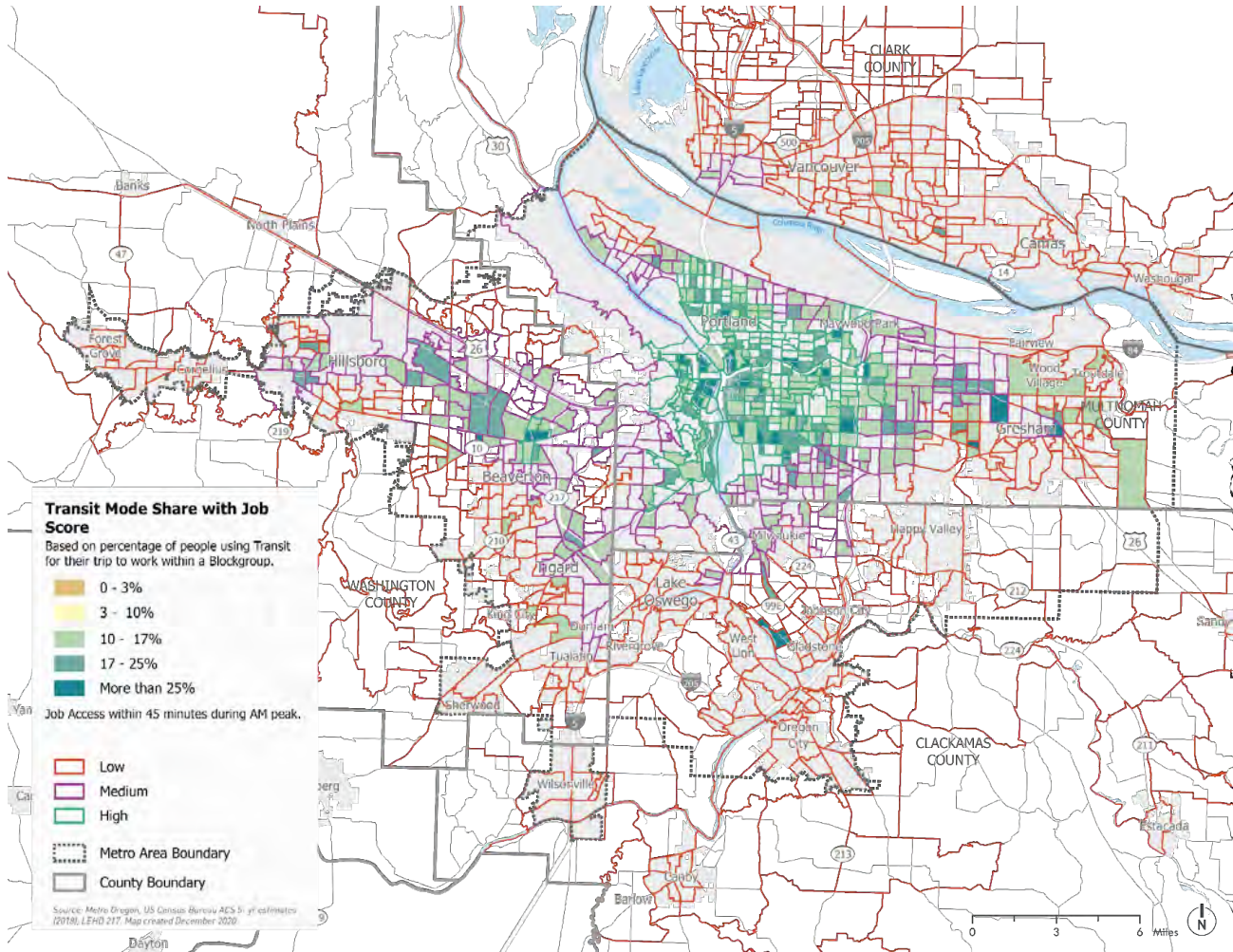
### **Transit Mode Share with Job Score**

Figure 17 displays areas with higher-than-average transit mode shares in blue. This is directly compared to job accessibility within 45 minutes broken into high, medium, and low based on the difference from the average (standard deviation). Most of the areas with high transit access (green outlines) also have above average transit mode share for commuters. This correlation indicates that where transit is best, high rates of commuters are using it. However, there are some areas in the region that have medium or low transit access and still have higher than average transit mode share. These include parts of outer east Portland, Gresham, Beaverton, and Hillsboro.

All the listed areas were also shown to have higher than average levels of poverty. This indicates that the high levels of transit use in these areas is due to transit need, not transit quality. This analysis could be used to help to prioritize transit improvements that help those riders who need it most, but currently have poorer access to transit.



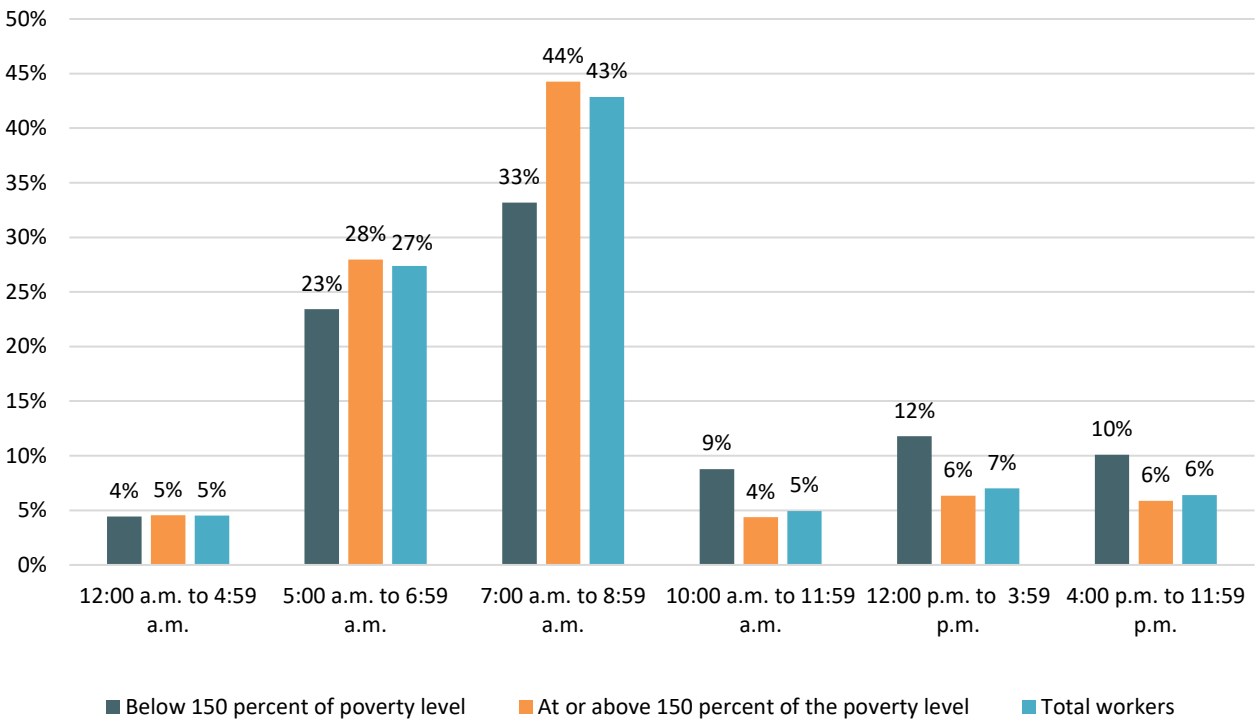
**Figure 17 Transit Mode Share (2018) with Job Score**



**Time Leaving for Work**

More frequent transit service is generally offered during traditional peak periods (7:00am - 9:00am and 4:00pm - 6:00pm) than off-peak periods. In the Metro area, 56% of transit routes have higher frequencies in the peak than during the off-peak period, or only run during peak periods. The remaining 44% of routes have the same frequencies during both peak and off-peak periods. Figure 18 shows that 43% of workers leave for work between 7:00am and 9:00am. This means 57% of workers do not benefit from the highest quality transit going both to and from work, assuming a 6–9-hour workday. Workers who commute outside of traditional peak periods are more likely to be low-income, partially because of the types of jobs low-income residents are more likely to work, like service jobs which don’t usually conform to a traditional “9 to 5” schedule (see Figure 18). They are also more likely to have varying shifts that change day-to-day and week-to-week. This means they likely have variable transit travel times and service availability and can have more difficulty planning a reliable transit commute.

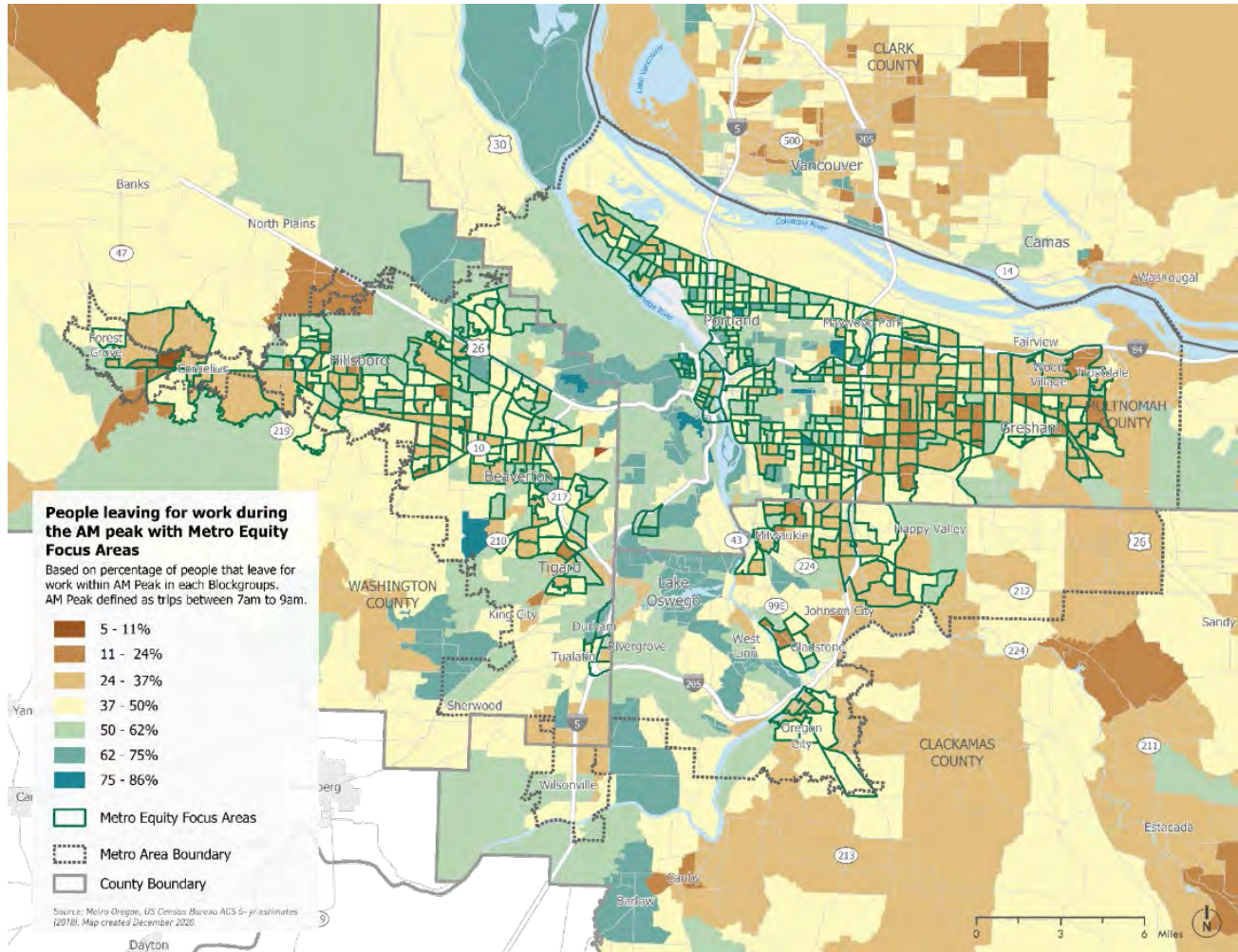
**Figure 18 Time Leaving for Work by Poverty Level in Metro Area (2016)**



U.S. Census Bureau CTPP 5-Year Estimates 2016 - Table A104200 Poverty Status by Time leaving home

When residents leave for work also varies largely by geography (see Figure 19). Areas in outer east Portland, Gresham, parts of Beaverton, Hillsboro, Clackamas County, and Vancouver all have low proportions of workers who leave during the AM peak, with some areas as low as 5 – 11%. Many of Metro’s EFAs have high concentrations of workers who leave outside of the AM peak. This relationship highlights that off-peak service quality is an equity concern.

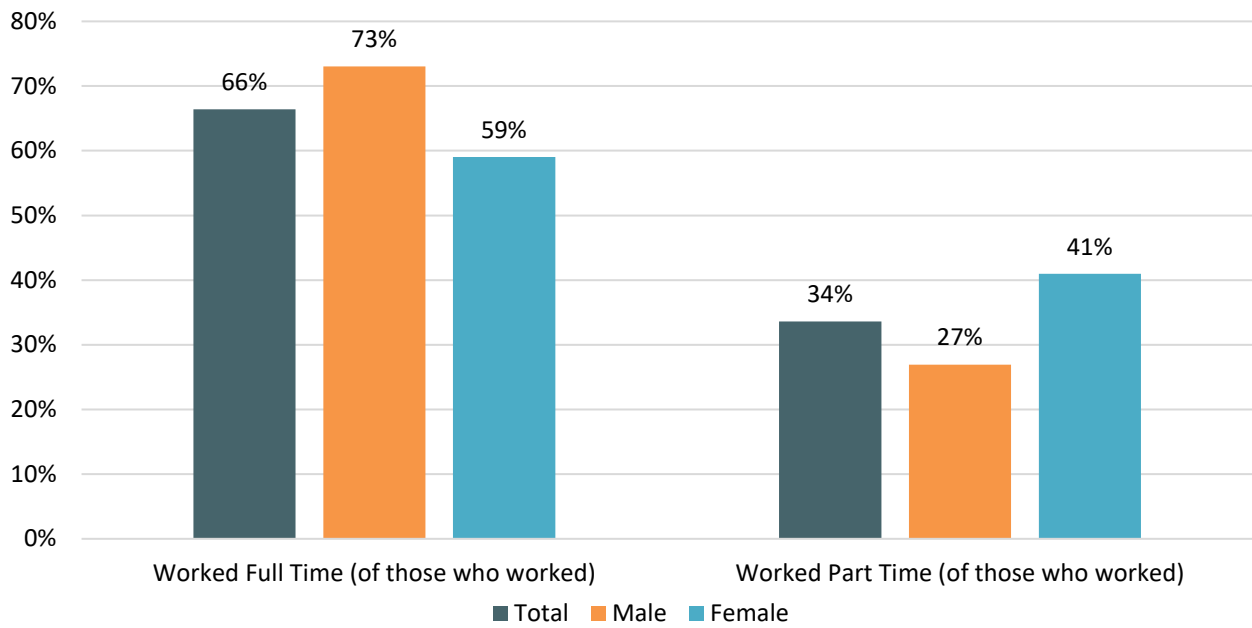
**Figure 19 People leaving for work during the AM peak with Metro Equity Focus Areas**



Because peak-period transit service is meant to accommodate an approximately eight-hour workday, it may pose challenges for part-time workers. Women are much more likely to work part-time than men and may be more negatively impacted by infrequent midday service (Figure 20). Women are also more likely to trip-chain, dropping off children at school, grocery shopping after work, or taking family members to medical appointments<sup>9</sup>. This means that non-work trips make up a greater proportion of women’s trips overall, so travel outside of peak periods that is not work related is also impacted by lower frequencies.

<sup>9</sup> [The Pink Tax on Transportation: Women’s Challenges in Mobility \(2018\).](#)

**Figure 20 Full Time Work Status in the Last 12 Months<sup>10</sup> (2018)**



U.S. Census Bureau ACS 5-Year Estimates 2018 - Table S2303 Work Status in the Past 12 Months

<sup>10</sup> The American Community Survey only recognizes two genders (known in this dataset as sex). The display of these data according to a gender binary is not meant to exclude other genders but reflects these data limitations.



## 4 METHODOLOGY

Metro conducted in depth modeling and analysis to understand the potential performance of different types of pricing tools (VMT, cordon, parking, roadway) described below. Each phase of analysis documented the potential impact or benefit of the congestion pricing tools related to congestion, greenhouse gas emissions, equity considerations, and program implementation feasibility. While safety is a RTP priority, best practices and modeling tools indicate that addressing safety impacts should occur at a project scale based on a detailed analysis to understand where investments in safety improvements would be necessary to address any project-related safety concerns.

Methods included:

- Modeling and analysis (discussed in depth in Sections 4.1 and Chapter 5)
- Mapping the existing transportation conditions to demonstrate current issues with access and equity
- Research into the current transportation funding system, best practices for developing pricing program that addresses community needs; funding and implementation considerations for different types of pricing (Appendix A: Implementation Technical Paper)
- Gathering feedback from experts working on pricing projects throughout North America and Europe on the RCPS methods and findings, and lessons from their work (Appendix B: Summary of Expert Review Panel)
- Gathering feedback from equity experts on methods and measures for equity and how to best engage communities in the region in future phases of study (Chapter 1)

The technical findings are primarily documented in charts, maps, and tables using data derived from the Metro Travel Demand Model and Metro's Multi-Criterion Evaluation tool, which are described below. In some cases, data was analyzed in the context of Metro's EFAs, which are described in Section 4.2.

### 4.1 Modeling and Technical Analysis

Metro's travel demand model was used to evaluate the performance of different congestion pricing scenarios. This model is used in developing the RTP, other local transportation plans, and transit and traffic studies throughout the region. It is regularly reviewed by the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration to ensure it meets federal guidelines. This model uses information from Metro's Household Travel Behavior Study to understand how and why people travel, and applies those behaviors to expected future projected conditions, including projected population and employment, road networks, and transit networks and service.

Additionally, Metro's Multi-Criterion Evaluation (MCE) Tool was used to project the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. The MCE Tool applies unit costs to motor vehicle emissions, which are derived by applying the Environmental Protection Agency's MOVES model rates for facility type, speed bin, pollutant, and year to the number of vehicle miles traveled (VMT) output produced by the travel demand model for each scenario.

## 4.2 Study Evaluation Criteria

Congestion pricing tools were evaluated based on whether they could help the region achieve its transportation priorities as laid out in the region’s 2018 RTP. The 2018 RTP’s four priorities are:

- Congestion – improve mobility
- Climate Change – reduce GHG emissions
- Equity – reduce disparity
- Safety – make progress toward Vision Zero

The travel demand model outputs address three of these priorities: equity, climate change, and congestion. However, this technical analysis does not directly address safety since the model does not project crashes. Instead, the study reviews safety in the context of revenue reinvestment and mitigations (see Chapter 6: Feasibility and Implementation Considerations). Table 5 shows the performance measures used to assess the other three RTP priorities.

**Table 5 Regional Congestion Pricing Performance Measures**

2018 RTP Priority	Performance Measure	Description
Equity	Job Access (Auto)	Number of jobs accessible by auto in a typical commute time (30 minutes) during the 2-hour PM peak
Equity	Job Access (Transit)	Number of jobs accessible by transit in a typical commute time (45 minutes) during the 2-hour PM peak
Equity	Access to Community Places (Auto)	Number of community places <sup>1</sup> accessible by auto in typical travel time (20 minutes) during the 2-hour PM peak
Equity	Access to Community Places (Transit)	Number of community places <sup>1</sup> accessible by transit in typical travel time (30 minutes) during the 2-hour PM peak
Equity & Congestion	Travel Time	Peak period travel time between select zone pairs
Climate	Percent Reduction of emissions	Reduction in tons of CO <sub>2</sub> e, PM <sub>2.5</sub> , PM <sub>10</sub> , NO <sub>x</sub> , and VOC
Climate & Congestion	Daily VMT	Vehicle miles traveled (daily)
Climate & Congestion	Drive Alone Rate	Percentage of total daily trips undertaken by drivers without passengers
Climate & Congestion	Daily Transit Trips	Number of total transit trips (daily)
Climate & Congestion	PM 2-Hour Peak Vehicle Hours of Delay	The total time accrued by all vehicles traveling on model links with volume-to-capacity ratio over 0.9 during PM peak, also reported separately for freeways and arterials

<sup>1</sup> Community places include hospitals and other medical services, civic places such as post offices, churches, social services, libraries, schools and colleges, financial institutions, grocery stores, and essential retail services such as hardware stores, pharmacies, and laundry services



## 4.3 Types of Congestion Pricing

This study assessed four congestion pricing tools, with multiple possible program designs:

- Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) – drivers pay for every mile traveled (often called a road user charge)
- Cordon Pricing (COR)– drivers pay to enter a designated area
- Parking Pricing (PARK) – drivers pay to park in certain areas
- Roadway Pricing (RD) – drivers pay to drive on a particular roadway

## 4.4 Scenario Assumptions

Modeling results for each scenario were compared to a single, consistent “Base scenario”. The 2018 RTP 2027 Financially Constrained scenario was used as the RCPS Base scenario to compare and contrast the performance of the four pricing tools. This scenario includes roadway and transit projects that were expected to be completed by 2027 and assumes a higher level of transit service compared to today. (Appendix C describes the assumptions in the Base scenario.)

The pricing scenarios either increased operating costs (VMT), added tolls (Cordon and Roadway), or increased parking costs (Parking) compared to the Base scenario. No scenario included multiple types of pricing, and no pricing scenario assumed any changes to the Base scenario network, or to costs, aside from the specific pricing changes described below in Table 6.

The model results reflected pricing changes assumed to have been in place long enough for travelers to have adjusted to them. Compared to the Base scenario, modeled traveler responses to a pricing scenario could include changing their destination, changing their travel route, or changing their mode of travel. The model does not allow a traveler to choose to make the trip during a different time-period, or to choose not to make a trip at all.

The model results provide a general assessment of how congestion pricing could perform with our land use and transportation system. The scenarios were not iterative. That means, initial findings stood, and Metro did not try to adjust the scenario to minimize any issues seen in the initial modeling results. Instead, the results may indicate what types of reinvestments of revenue, discounts, or other mitigations would benefit each scenario. There is currently no roadway pricing in the Portland region, so impacts of pricing were derived from surveys and not from observed data. Survey and traffic data were also pre-COVID-19, so outputs assumed an eventual return to “normal” travel behaviors and traffic conditions in the future. Finally, the travel demand model produces static assignments at a regional level—the analysis focused largely on regional and sub-regional trends, and minimally on road-specific impacts.

Table 6 displays the assumptions for each modeled scenario. For each pricing scenario, pricing charges were assessed only within the region’s Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) boundaries; see Figure 21. Pricing charges were assessed in addition to the cost of driving in the Base scenario which assumed vehicle operating costs of \$0.211/mile. All costs are assessed in 2010\$. Maps providing additional geographical context for each pricing scenario are provided in Figure 22 to Figure 25 over the next several pages.

**Table 6 Overview of Congestion Pricing Scenarios**

Scenario	Pricing Charge	Type of Charge	Additional Details
VMT B	\$0.0685/mile	Charge per mile driven	32% increase over Base scenario
VMT C	\$0.132/mile	Charge per mile driven	Charge is approximately doubled compared to VMT B; 63% increase over Base scenario
COR A	\$5.63	Charge to enter cordon area	Higher end of price range based on other cities
COR B	\$5.63	Charge to enter cordon area	Higher end of price range based on other cities; cordon boundaries are larger compared to Cordon A
PARK A	Varies	Charge to park vehicle	Parking assumptions drawn from 2018 RTP's 2040 Financially Constrained scenario
PARK B	Varies	Charge to park vehicle	Parking assumptions are doubled compared to Parking A
RD A	\$0.132/mile	Charge per mile driven on highways	Charge on throughways <sup>1</sup> equivalent to the VMT C per mile charge
RD B	\$0.264/mile	Charge per mile driven on highways	Charge on throughways <sup>1</sup> is doubled compared to Roadway A

<sup>1</sup> Throughways include major freeways and highways with limited access.

Additional context is provided for each scenario type below:

- VMT Scenarios:** The study also completed modeling for an additional VMT scenario (VMT A) that was not included in this final report. The VMT A scenario assumed a per-mile charge that was nearly equivalent to the current gas tax. This resulted in a cost of \$0.216/mile, compared to the cost of \$0.211/mile in the Base scenario. As expected, results were not meaningfully different from the Base scenario. Therefore, the study did not perform further analysis of this scenario. Figure 21 displays the MPA boundary for the region. For the two VMT scenarios, a per-mile charge was assessed for every mile driven within the MPA boundary. Miles driven outside of the MPA boundary were not assessed a charge.
- Cordon Scenarios:** Figure 22 and Figure 23 display the boundaries of the two Cordon scenarios. Cordon A encompassed downtown Portland, South Waterfront, and parts of Northwest Portland. Cordon B's area included the entirety of Cordon A, as well as the Central Eastside Industrial District and the Lloyd District. A flat rate charge was assessed to drivers who entered the cordon area. Drivers who traveled through the cordon area, but remained on the freeways or highways, were not assessed a charge. For example, a driver traveling from US-26 to the Ross Island Bridge was not assessed a charge, nor was a driver who remained on I-5 or I-405 through downtown Portland and did not exit onto local streets within the cordon area.
- Parking Scenarios:** Figure 24 displays the locations where short- and long-term parking charges were assessed, as well as the pricing charges assumed per trip. The Base scenario used the 2018 RTP 2027 Financially Constrained Scenario parking factors, and the Parking A scenario used the RTP 2040 Financially Constrained Scenario factors. The Parking B scenario doubled the factors from Parking A.

- **Roadway Scenarios:** Figure 25 displays the throughways charged under the Roadway scenarios. These throughways were identified in the 2018 RTP and are generally the region's freeways and limited-access highways. Drivers were assessed a charge in the two Roadway scenarios for each mile driven on the throughways within the MPA boundary.

Figure 21 Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary

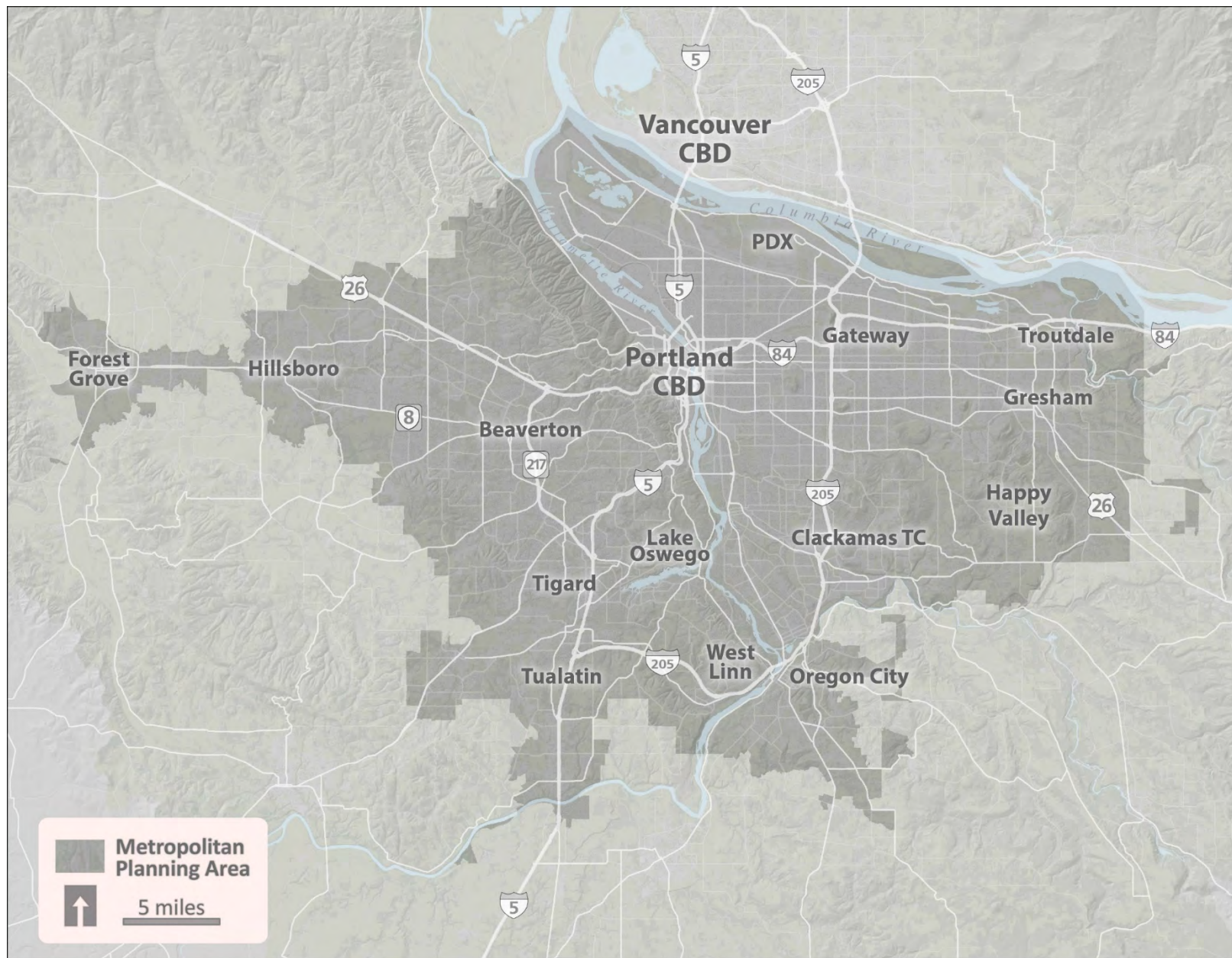




Figure 22 Cordon A Boundary

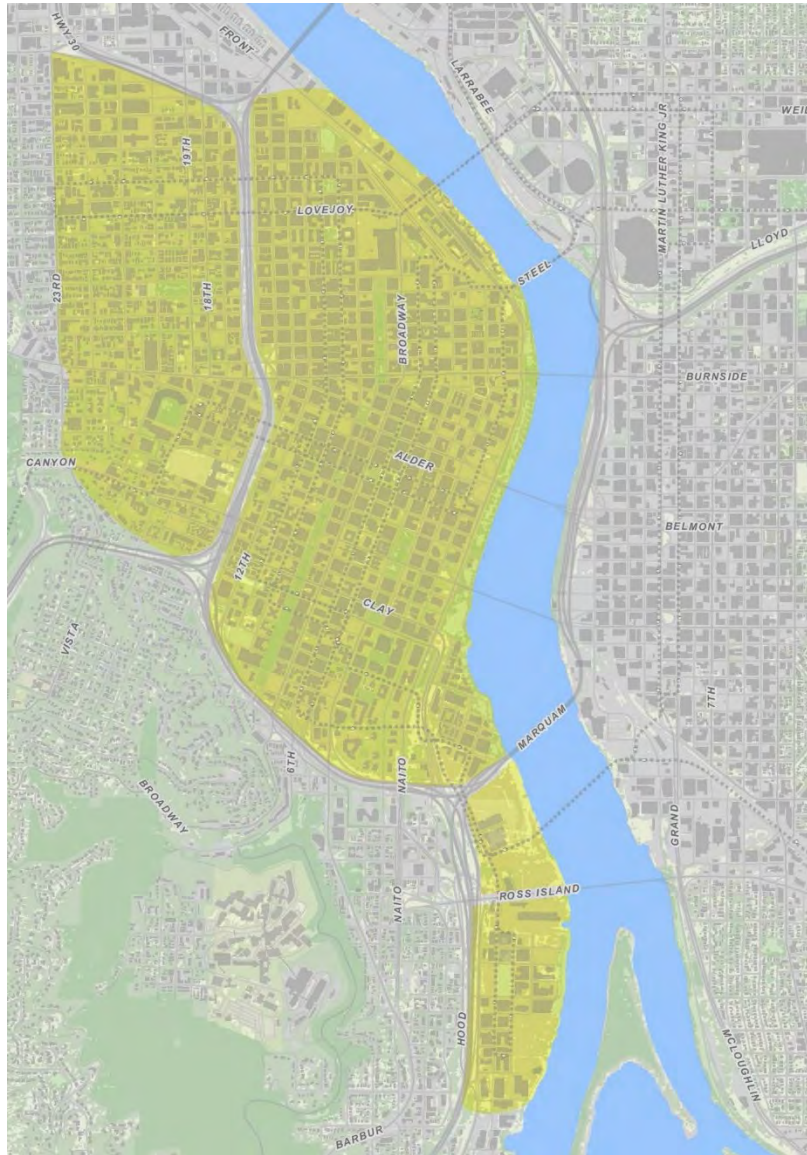
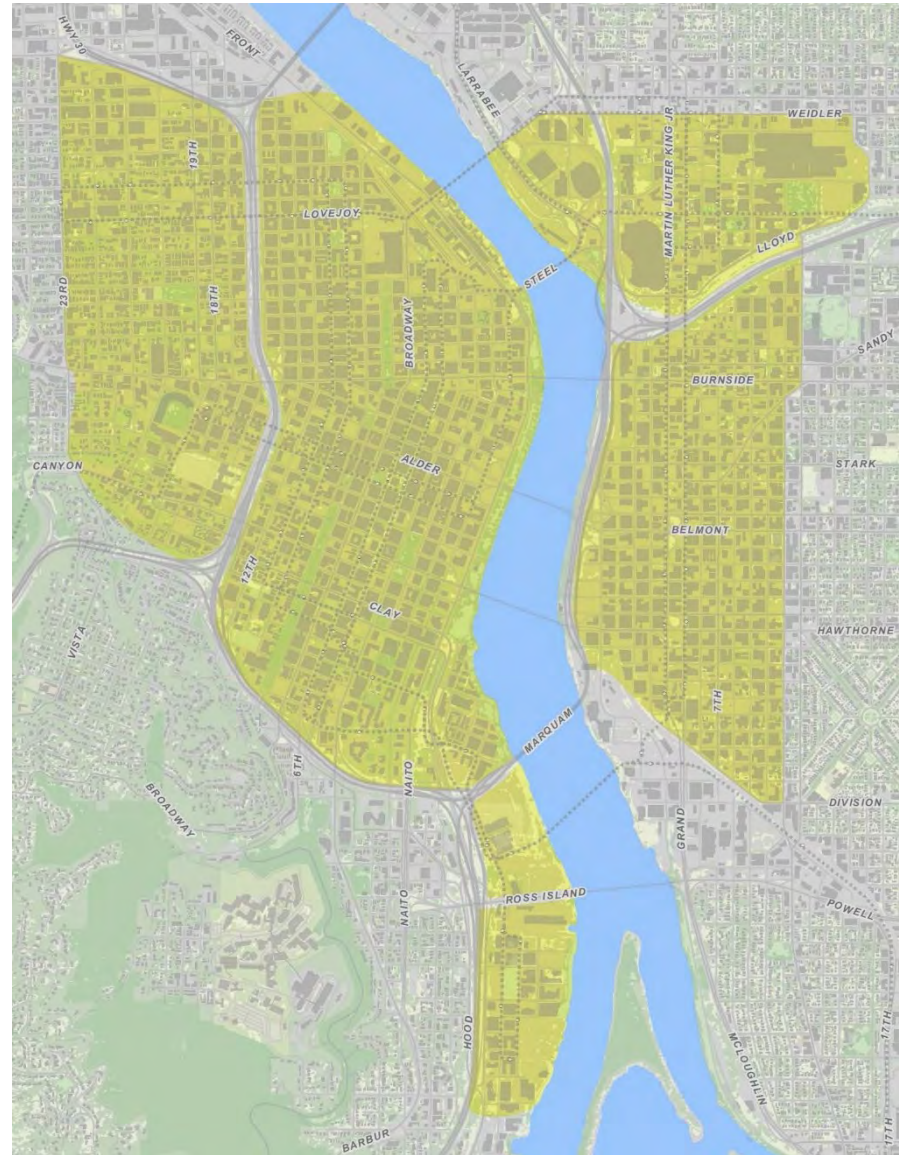


Figure 23 Cordon B Boundary





**Figure 24 Parking Scenario Charges per Trip and Locations (2010\$)**

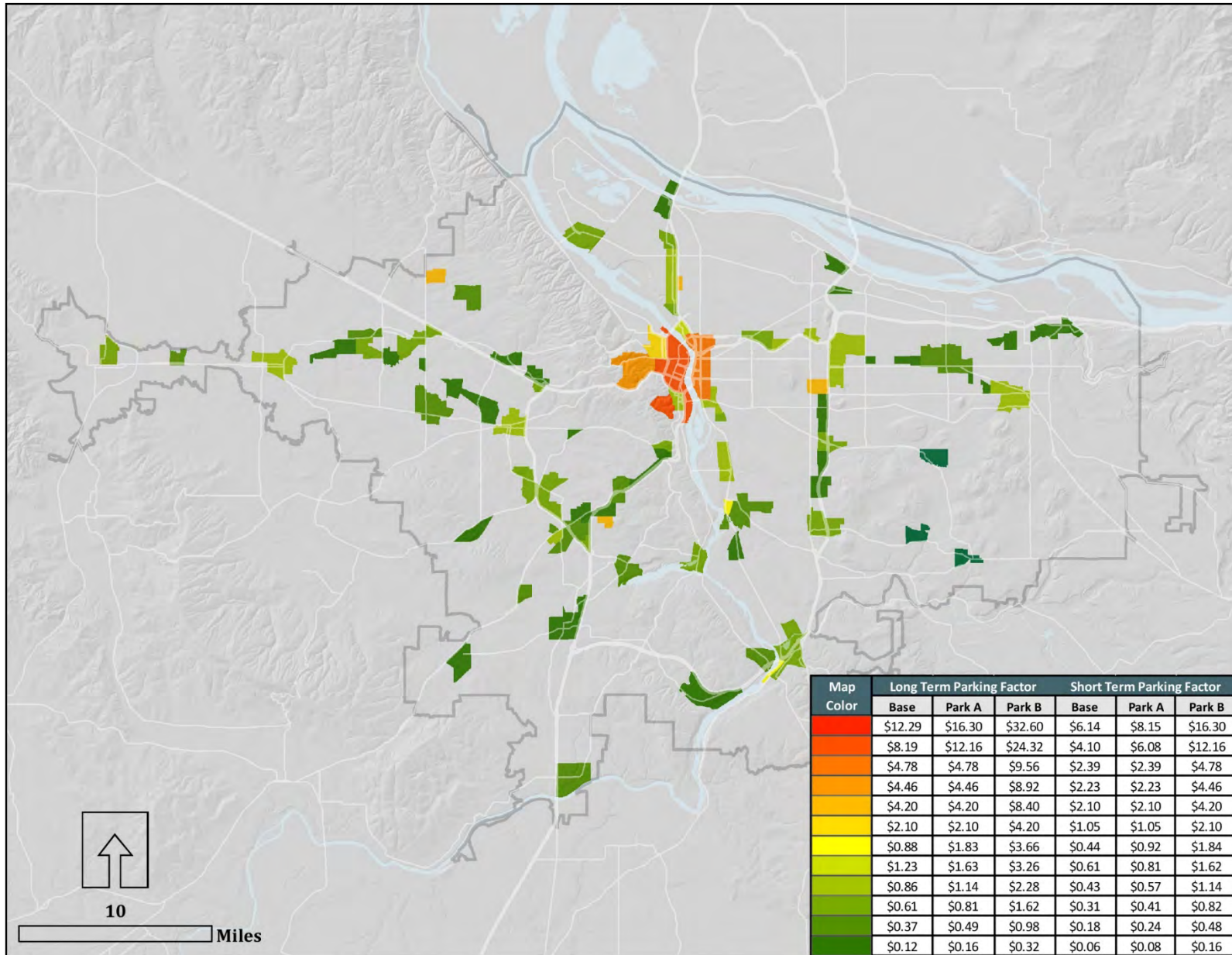
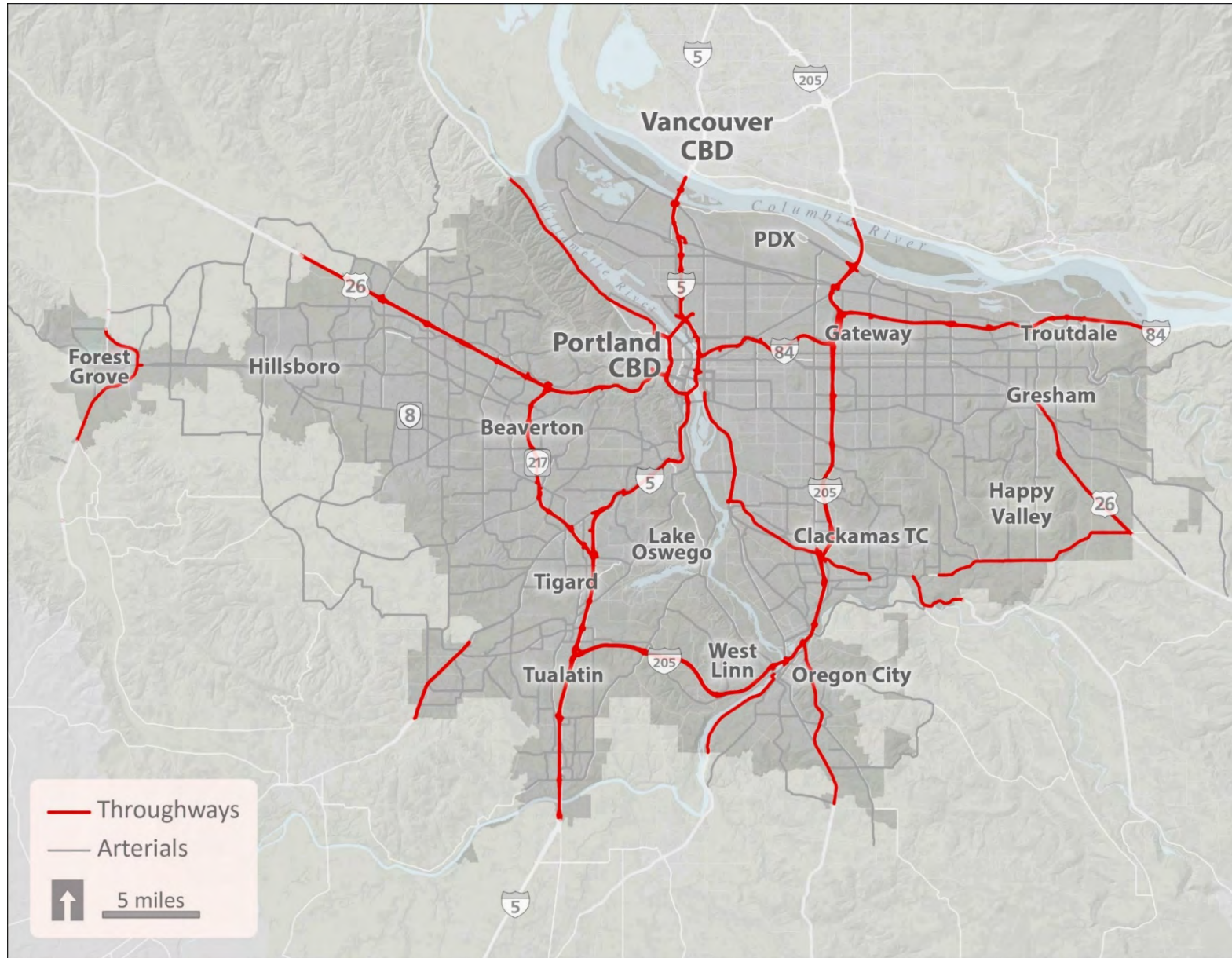




Figure 25 Throughways Charged Under the Roadway Scenarios



## 5 SCENARIO MODELING OVERVIEW & FINDINGS

This chapter provides the study's high-level findings, detailed analysis results, travel costs, and a summary of the findings by type of pricing scenario.

### 5.1 High-Level Findings

Table 7 provides the study's high-level findings. Results for each scenario are measured as a percentage change against the Base scenario. The modeling results were compared to results from Metro's 2018 Regional Transportation Plan to determine approximate benchmarks to indicate positive or negative impacts for each metric in terms of progress toward regional goals. Table 7 displays how each scenario performs against those benchmarks and allows for a simple comparison of different scenarios in a visual format. Definitions of each metric are provided at the end of this section. The results shown in Table 7 reflect only the effects of pricing drivers under different scenarios; implementation of mitigations, discounts, or other changes to policies could result in changes to the performance of a scenario but were not modeled in this study.

Key takeaways:

- All eight scenarios provided at least a small reduction in drive alone rate and emissions, while seven of the eight scenarios provided at least a small reduction in daily VMT and an increase in daily transit trips.
- The two VMT scenarios and the Parking B scenario had positive regional results across all metrics, while the Parking A scenario had mostly positive results, but also minimal changes for job access via transit.
- The two Cordon scenarios and the two Roadway scenarios had more mixed results. Both Cordon scenarios had small to moderate increases in delay and decreases in job access via auto. These appear to be the result of drivers seeking to avoid the charge in the cordon area and remaining on highways or nearby arterials instead of utilizing surface streets within the cordon boundaries.
- The two Roadway scenarios saw moderate to large increases in arterial delay, as well as minimal change to small increases in job access via transit. These appear to be the result of drivers seeking to avoid the charge on the highways and diverting to arterial streets near the charged roadways.
- The two Parking scenarios resulted in the lowest total regional travel cost, as the parking charges were assessed to a relatively small number of drivers within the region.<sup>11</sup>
- The two VMT scenarios resulted in the highest regional travel cost, as every driver was charged for every mile driven within the MPA boundary, even though the cost per trip was relatively low compared to the other scenario types. As noted above, a specific congestion pricing program

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<sup>11</sup> The total regional travel cost includes auto operating costs, tolls, parking costs, and transit fares paid.

could be designed and implemented in a way that could mitigate these negative changes; however, this study did not model the effects of any such mitigations.

**Table 7 Regional Congestion Pricing Study High-Level Findings**

RTP Goal	Metrics	VMT B	VMT C	COR A	COR B	PARK A	PARK B	RD A	RD B
<b>Congestion &amp; Climate</b>	Daily VMT	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Light Blue	Dark Blue	Light Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
	Drive Alone Rate	Light Blue	Dark Blue	Light Blue	Dark Blue	Light Blue	Dark Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue
	Daily Transit Trips	Light Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Light Blue	Dark Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue
	2HR Freeway VHD	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Orange	Orange	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
	2HR Arterial VHD	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Yellow	Yellow	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Orange	Dark Blue
<b>Climate</b>	Emissions	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
<b>Equity</b>	Job Access (Auto)	Light Blue	Dark Blue	Yellow	Yellow	Light Blue	Light Blue	Dark Blue	Light Blue
	Job Access (Transit)	Light Blue	Dark Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Yellow
<b>Total Regional Travel Cost</b>		<b>Med-High</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Med-Low</b>	<b>Med-Low</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>Med</b>	<b>Med</b>

Note: Dark blue indicates better alignment with regional goals when compared to the Base scenario

Legend		Daily VMT	Drive Alone Rate	Job Access (Auto)	Job Access (Transit)	Daily Transit Trips	2HR Freeway VHD	2HR Arterial VHD	Emissions
Dark Blue	Large Positive Change	-5% or more	-5% or more	10% or more	5% or more	10% or more	-10% or more	-10% or more	-5% or more
Medium Blue	Moderate Positive Change	-2% to -5%	-2% to -5%	5% to 10%	2% to 5%	5% to 10%	-5% to -10%	-5% to -10%	-2% to -5%
Light Blue	Small Positive Change	-0.5% to -2%	-0.5% to -2%	1% to 5%	0.5% to 2%	1% to 5%	-1% to -5%	-1% to -5%	-0.5% to -2%
White	Minimal Change	0.5% to -0.5%	0.5% to -0.5%	1% to -1%	0.5% to -0.5%	1% to -1%	1% to -1%	1% to -1%	0.5% to -0.5%
Yellow	Small Negative Change	0.5% to 2%	0.5% to 2%	-1% to -5%	-0.5% to -2%	-1% to -5%	1% to 5%	1% to 5%	0.5% to 2%
Orange	Moderate Negative Change	2% to 5%	2% to 5%	-5% to -10%	-2% to -5%	-5% to -10%	5% to 10%	5% to 10%	2% to 5%
Dark Orange	Large Negative Change	5% or more	5% or more	-10% or more	-5% or more	-10% or more	10% or more	10% or more	5% or more

Note: "Positive" and "Negative" refer to progress toward regional goals, and not to numerical values (i.e., a reduction in VMT is "positive")

## 5.2 Analysis Results

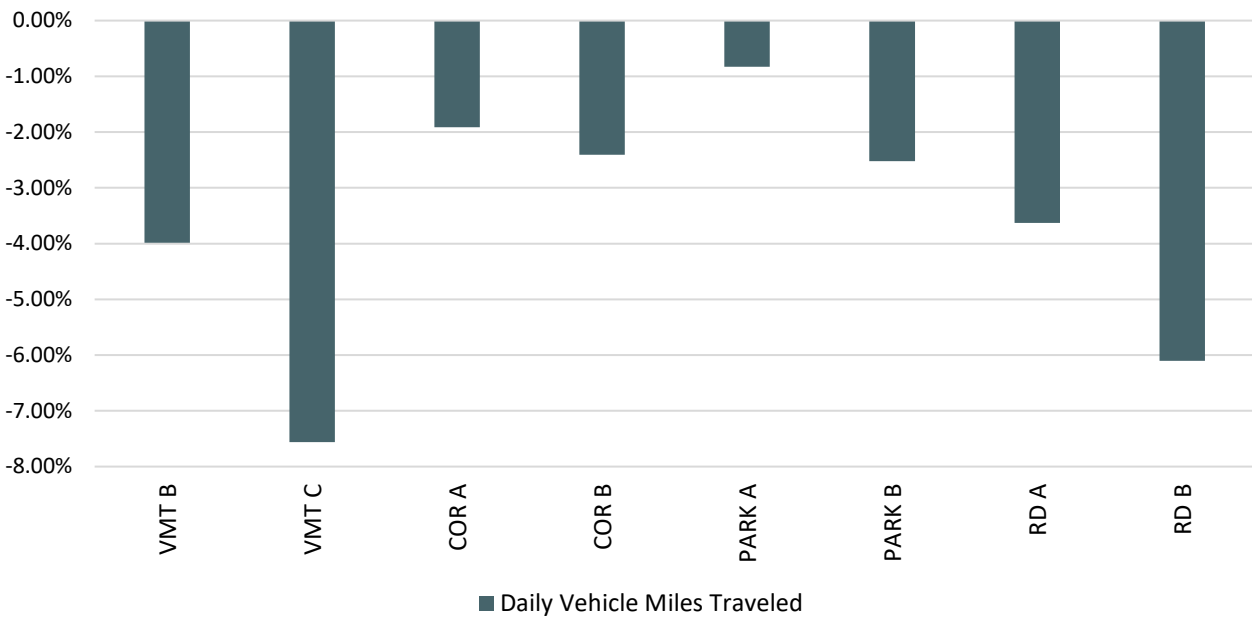
This section includes a detailed review of the model results for each pricing scenario relative to the metrics described in 4.2 Study Evaluation Criteria. Analysis was targeted to the MPA level where possible, to best illustrate impacts and benefits within Metro’s planning area.

### *Daily Vehicle Miles Traveled*

Figure 26 displays the percent change in daily vehicle miles traveled for each pricing scenario compared to the Base scenario. Appendix D includes additional figures documenting changes in total miles traveled and transit miles traveled.

All eight pricing scenarios reduced daily vehicle miles traveled. The VMT C scenario provided the greatest reduction (approximately 7.5%), while the Parking A scenario showed the smallest reduction (approximately 0.9%). These results are likely due to the VMT C scenario involving a larger per-mile charge that applied to every driver within the MPA, while the Parking A scenario had a relatively small change to parking costs in the MPA, which affected a much smaller number of drivers.

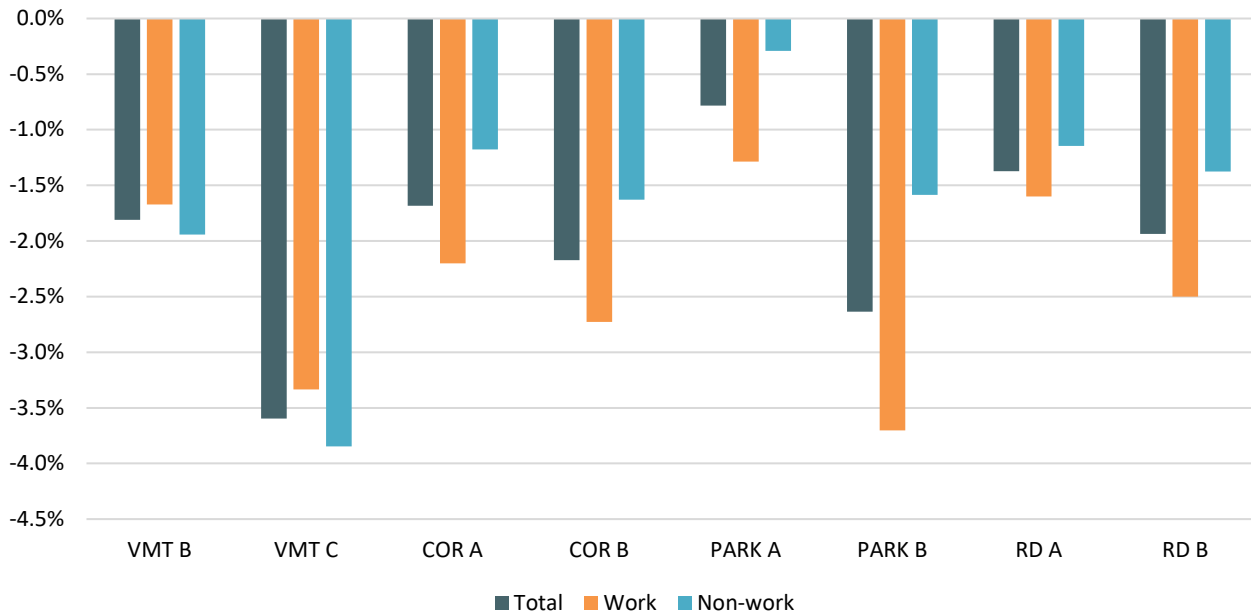
**Figure 26** Percent Change in Daily Vehicle Miles Traveled – MPA



## Drive Alone Rate

Figure 27 displays the percent change in drive alone rate for all trips, as well as for work trips and non-work trips, for each pricing scenario, compared to the Base scenario. Appendix D includes additional tables documenting the change in mode share by other modes.

**Figure 27** Percent Change in Drive Alone Rate - MPA



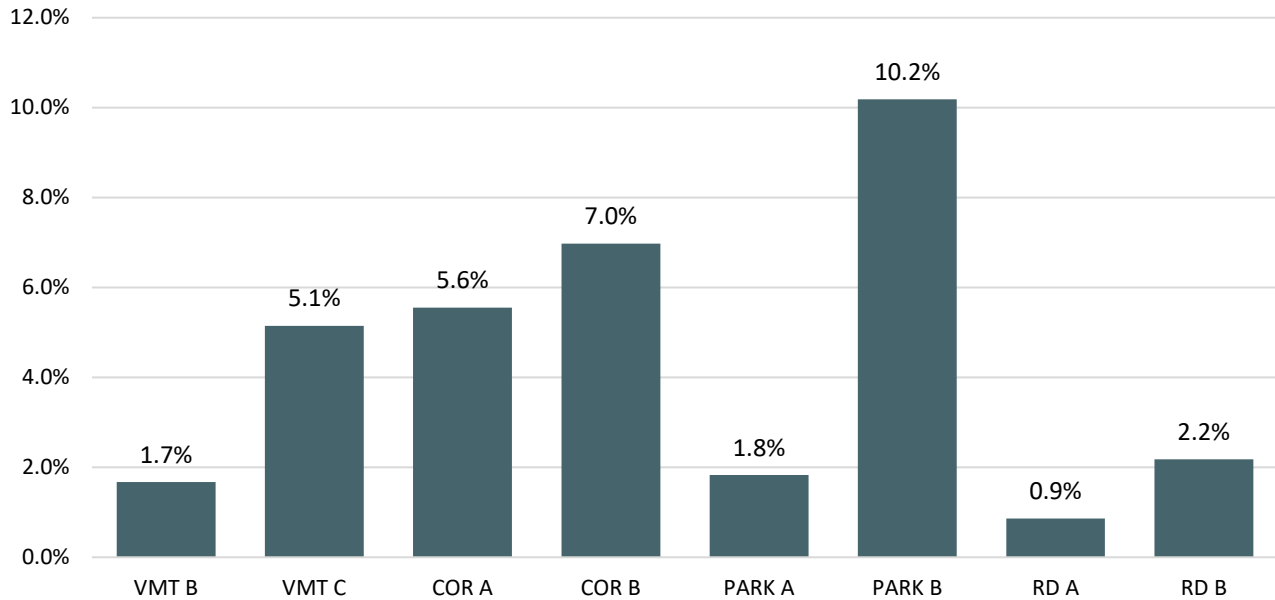
All eight pricing scenarios reduced the drive alone rate for both work trips and non-work trips. The VMT C scenario provided the greatest overall reduction (approximately 3.6%), while the Parking A scenario showed the smallest reduction (approximately 0.8%). The Parking B scenario showed the greatest reduction for work trips (approximately 3.7%). This larger reduction for work trips with Parking B was likely due to substantially higher parking charges in job centers, which tend to have better access to transit alternatives to driving than other parts of the region; the Parking B scenario showed work transit trips increasing by over 17%. The overall large decrease for VMT C was the result of a significant increase in shared ride trips, as well as large increases in transit, walking, and biking trips. The increase in walking and biking trips was likely due to shifting of trips to closer destinations.

## Daily Transit Trips

Figure 28 displays the percent change in daily transit trips for each pricing scenario, compared to the Base scenario.



**Figure 28** Percent Change in Total Daily Transit Trips - Region



All eight pricing scenarios increased daily transit trips. The Parking B scenario provided the greatest overall increase (approximately 10%), while the Roadway A scenario showed the smallest increase (approximately 0.9%). As mentioned in the previous section on drive alone rates, the Parking B scenario's large increase in transit trips was largely the result of a shift in work trips from drive alone to transit. By contrast, relatively few travelers shifted from drive alone trips to transit trips with the VMT B, Parking A, and Roadway A scenarios; as a result, these scenarios did not show a similarly large increase in transit trips. The Cordon A, Cordon B, and Parking B scenarios all assessed a higher charge in areas that generally have good transit accessibility; in these areas, drivers would be more likely to switch to transit when faced with a new charge. This also could indicate that a pricing strategy that adds charges for drivers in areas that do not have good transit service should consider investments to improve transit options.

### ***Vehicle Hours of Delay and Vehicle Volumes***

Figure 29 displays the percent change in PM 2-hour peak passenger vehicle hours of delay for each pricing scenario, compared to the Base scenario.

**Figure 29 Percent Change in Vehicle Hours of Delay – Region (2-Hour PM Peak)**



Six of the eight pricing scenarios showed a decrease in total vehicle hours of delay (approximately 7% to 39%). The two Cordon scenarios showed increases (approximately 5% to 7%). While the two Roadway scenarios showed the greatest decrease in freeway vehicle hours of delay (approximately 35% to 38%), they both also showed an increase in arterial vehicle hours of delay (approximately 6% to 29%).

The increase in delay for the two Cordon scenarios was likely due to increased diversion, from streets within the cordon boundaries to the freeways and arterials that offer alternatives through and around the cordon without being charged. This delay occurred primarily on the throughways in and near downtown (including I-5, I-405, I-84, US-26, US-30), but also to a lesser extent along primarily north-south routes such as NE/SE MLK Boulevard and NE/SE Grand Avenue, NE/SE 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue and NE/SE 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and NE/SE Cesar Chavez Boulevard.

The increase in arterial delay for the two Roadway scenarios was likely the result of increased diversion from the freeway network onto arterials as drivers sought to avoid paying a charge. As the charge on the freeways doubled from Roadway A to Roadway B, the vehicle hours of delay overall decreased by 6% as flow on freeways improved, but vehicle hours of delay on arterials increased by 22%.

Figure 30 to Figure 33 show the change in vehicle volumes at the link level for the two Cordon scenarios and the two Roadway scenarios. Appendix D includes additional figures showing the change in vehicle volumes for the two VMT scenarios and the two Parking scenarios.

For the two Cordon scenarios, changes in vehicle volumes were most notable in and around the downtown Portland core, where the two cordon boundaries were assumed. Large reductions in

volumes occurred within the cordon boundaries as fewer drivers entered the area, but moderate to large increases occurred on roads around the cordon, including the freeways and state highways in and around downtown Portland. Volume changes were less noticeable as distance from downtown Portland increased, and many streets further from the cordon were not impacted at all.

Vehicle volumes for the two Roadway scenarios noticeably decreased on the charged throughways. The decrease was higher with the higher charge (Roadway B). Alternately, the arterials, particularly those that offer parallel routes to the throughways, saw increases in volumes under both Roadway scenarios. In the Roadway B scenario with the higher charge, the diversion increased, with greater volumes moving to additional roadways. In the Roadway B scenario, most arterials saw at least a moderate increase in volumes due to diversion from the throughways.

Figure 30 Change in 2027 PM Peak Vehicle Volumes – Region – Cordon A

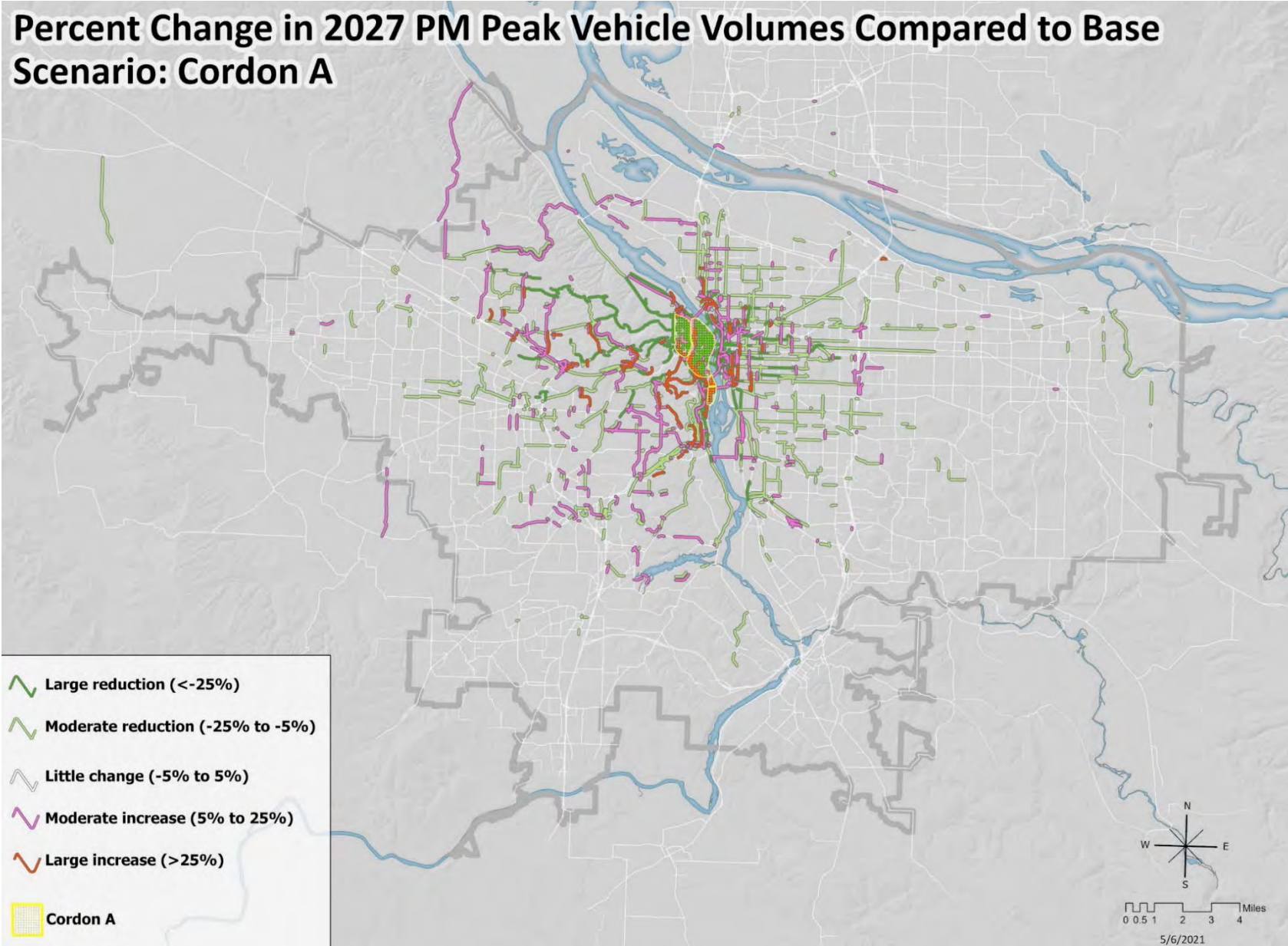




Figure 31 Change in 2027 PM Peak Vehicle Volumes - Region – Cordon B

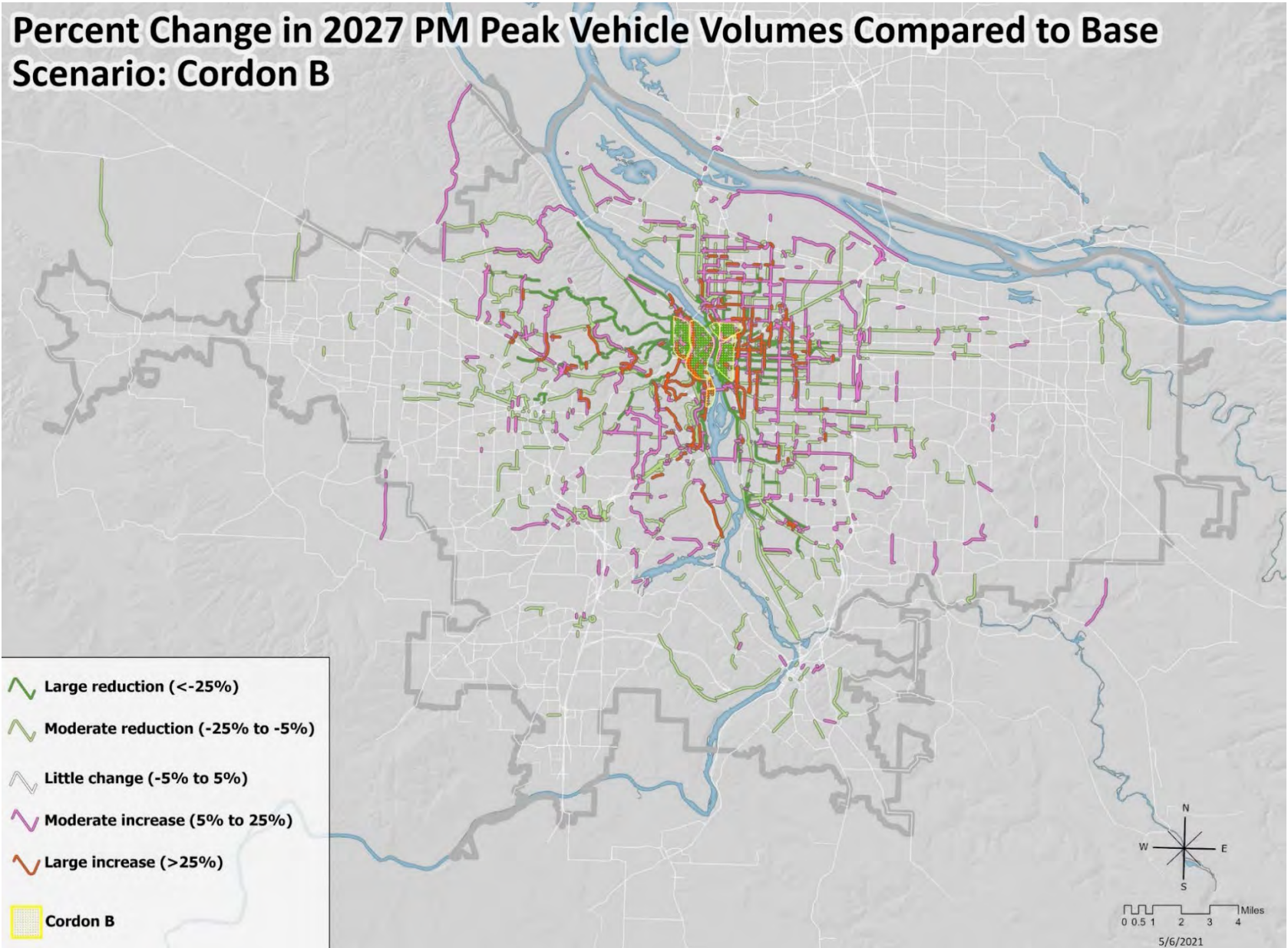




Figure 32 Change in 2027 PM Peak Vehicle Volumes - Region – Roadway A

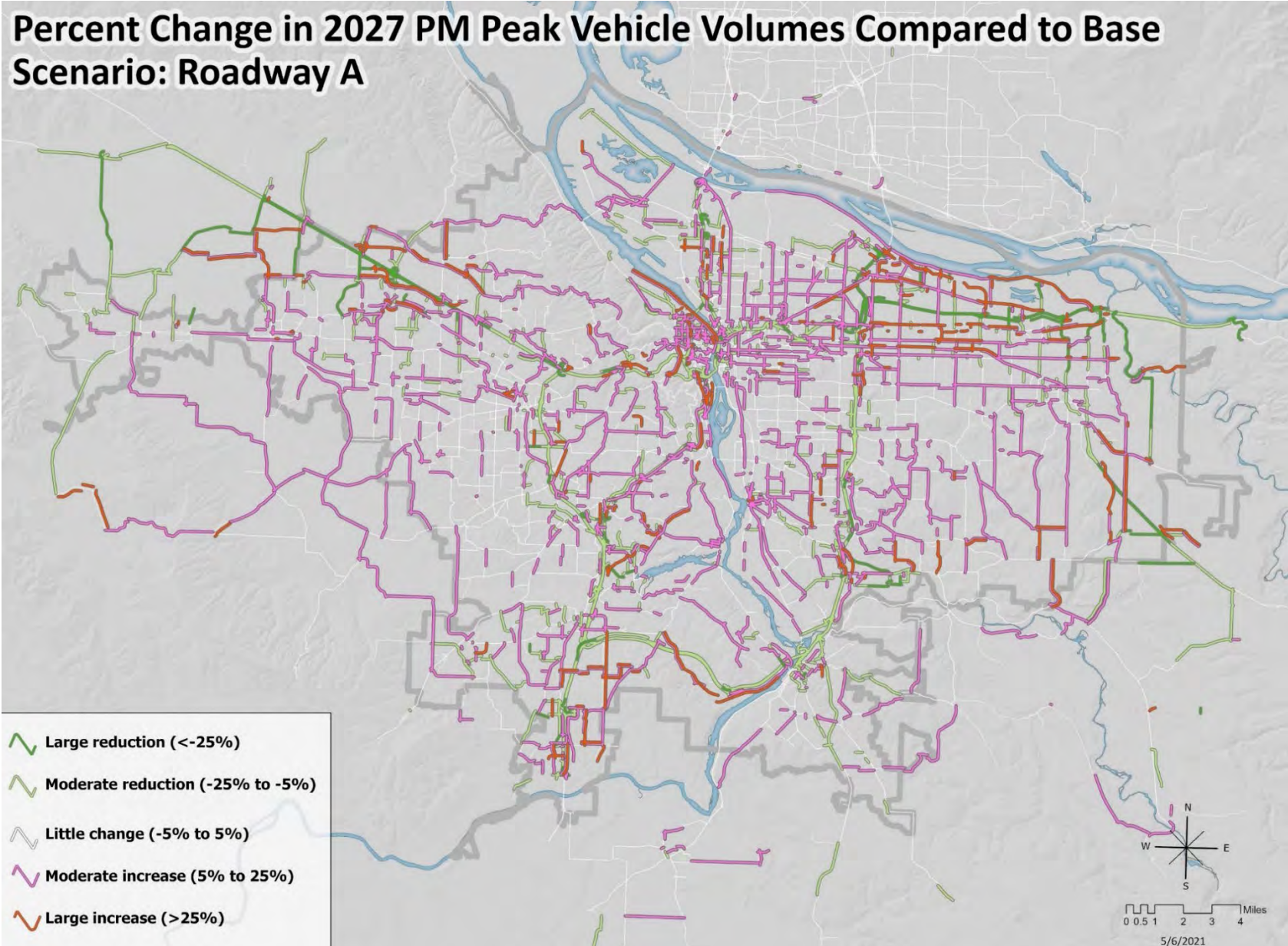
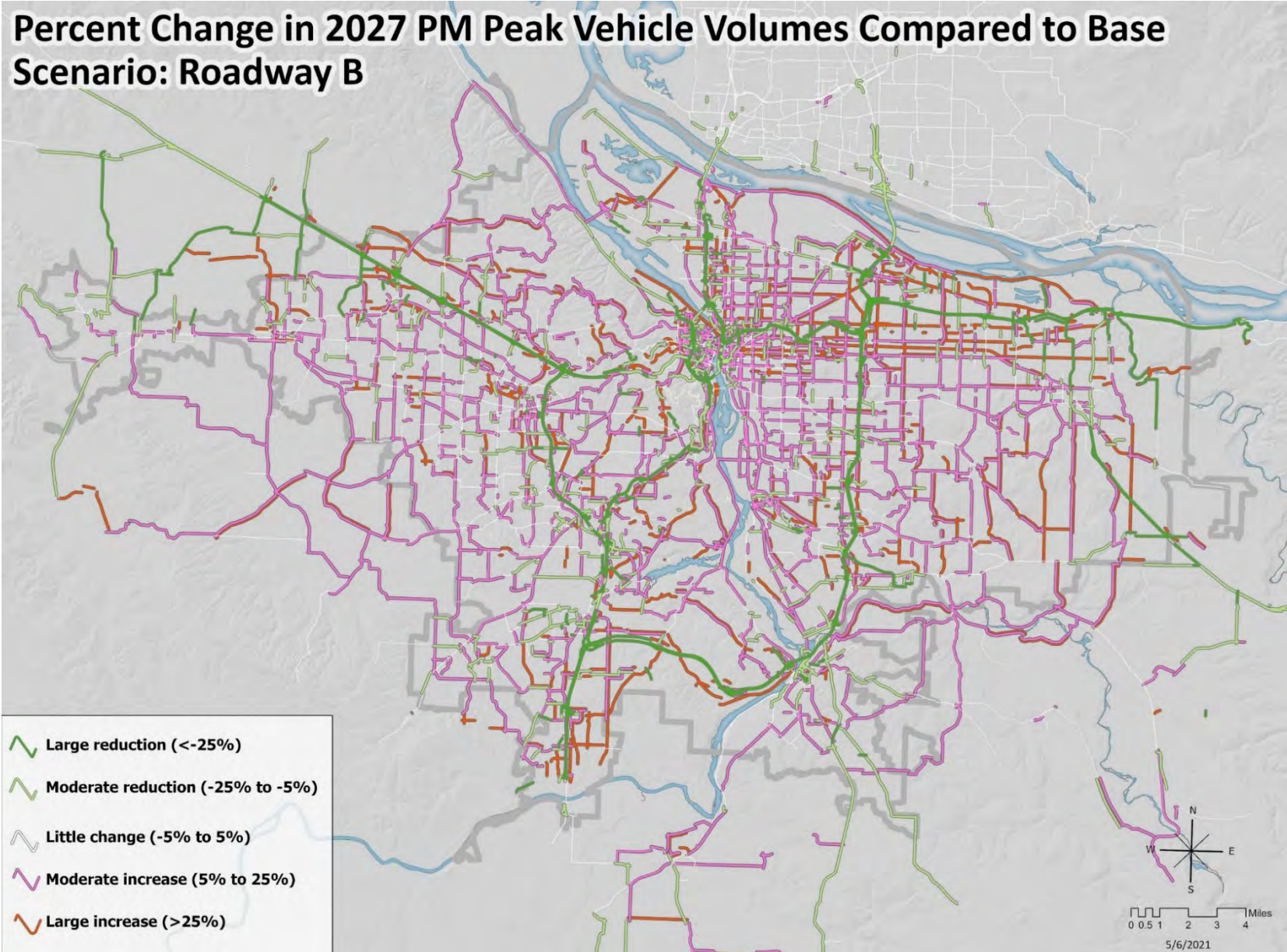




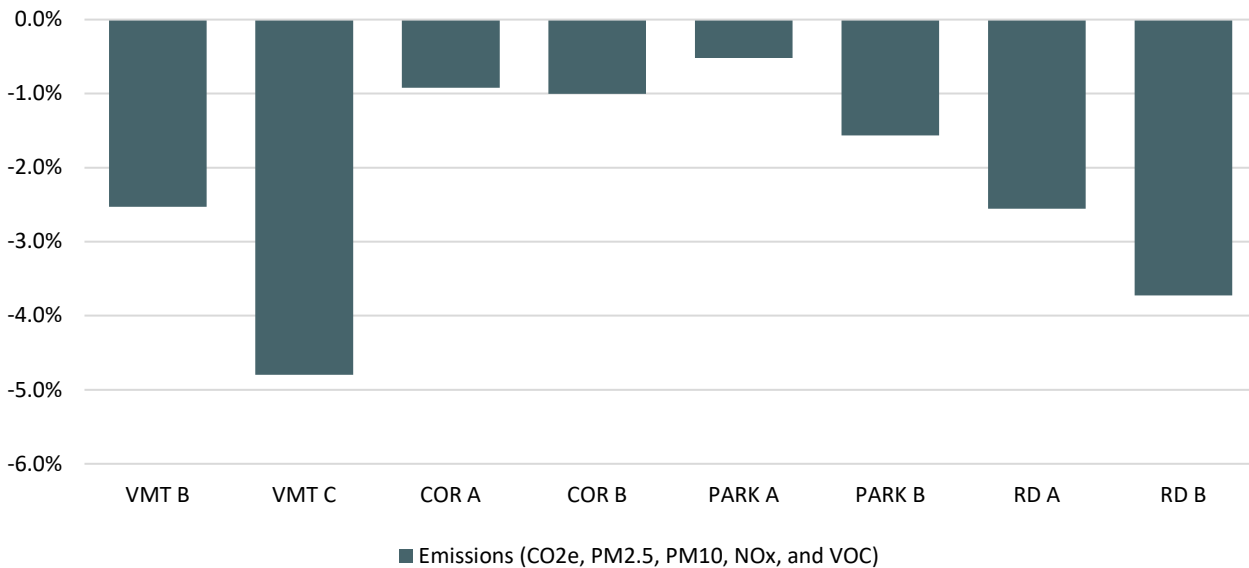
Figure 33 Change in 2027 PM Peak Vehicle Volumes - Region – Roadway B



## Emissions

The change in emissions was evaluated using Metro’s MCE Tool. The MCE Tool applies unit costs to motor vehicle emissions, which are derived by applying the Environmental Protection Agency’s MOVES model rates for facility type, speed bin, pollutant, and year, to the VMT output produced by the travel demand model for each scenario. Figure 34 displays the percent change in emissions for each pricing scenario, compared to the Base scenario.

**Figure 34** Percent Change in Emissions – Region



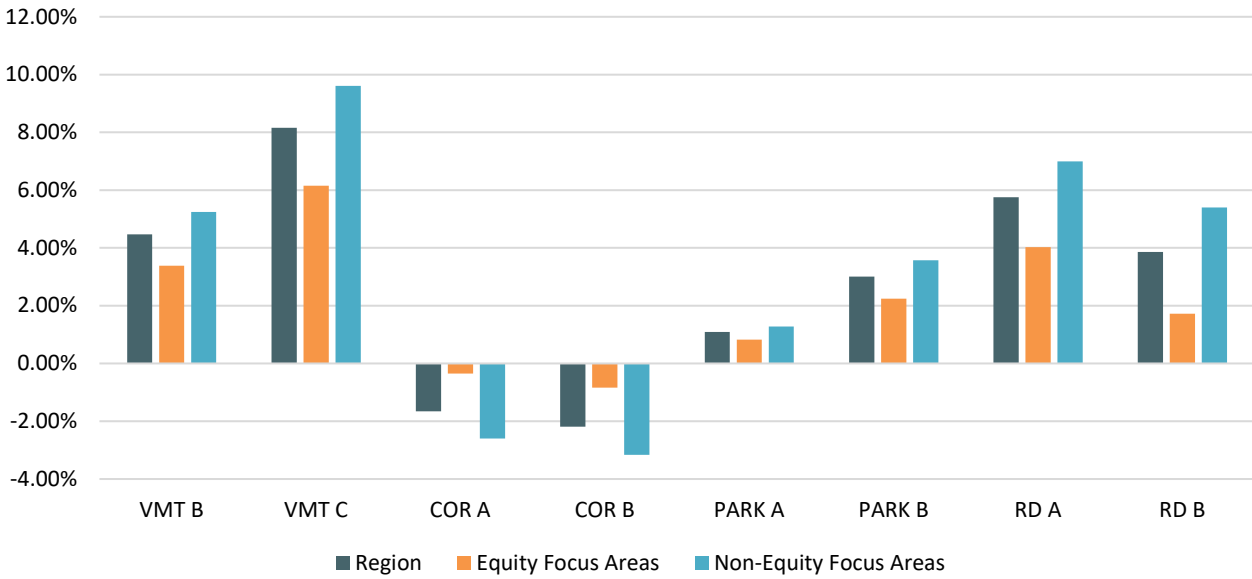
As expected, because the MCE Tool relies on the travel demand model’s VMT output for its calculations, the emissions reductions were generally comparable to the VMT reductions for each pricing scenario. All eight pricing scenarios showed a reduction in emissions at the regional level. The VMT C scenario showed the largest reduction in emissions (4.8%) while the Parking A scenario showed the smallest reduction (0.5%).

The MCE tool did not evaluate the geographic distribution of changes in emissions. However, emissions would generally be expected to decrease in areas where traffic volumes decrease. For example, the two Cordon scenarios would likely see emissions decrease within the cordon boundaries, as the model results showed a substantial reduction in vehicle volumes within the cordons. This result would be consistent with findings in Stockholm where the cordoned zone has experienced improvements in air quality.

## Jobs Access (Auto)

Figure 35 displays the percent change in jobs accessible within 30 minutes by auto during the 2-hour PM peak for each pricing scenario, compared to the Base scenario. These are broken out by trips from the entire region, from equity focus areas, and from non-equity focus areas.

**Figure 35** Percent Change in Jobs Accessible by Auto

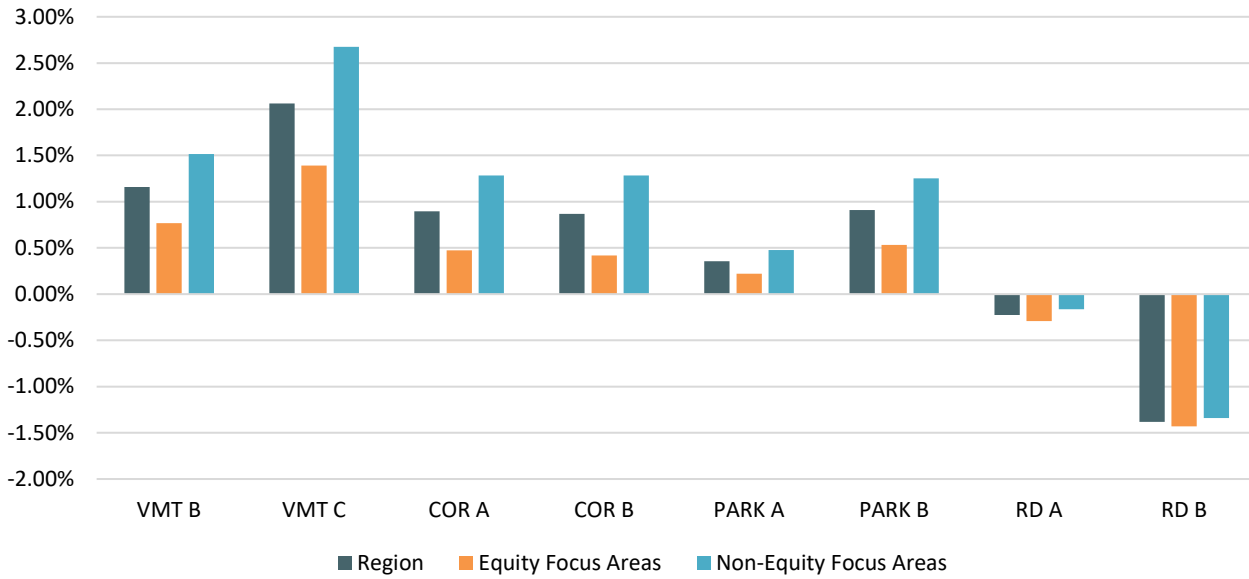


Six of the eight pricing scenarios showed an increase in the number of jobs accessible by auto at the regional level (approximately 1.1% to 8.2%), while the two Cordon scenarios showed decreases (approximately 1.7% to 2.2%). The VMT C scenario resulted in the greatest increase (8.2%). While the equity focus areas see an increase in percent change of jobs accessible by auto in six of the eight scenarios, they benefit less than non-equity focus areas across the board. The decrease for the Cordon scenarios is likely explained by the increasing vehicle hours of delay and vehicle volumes surrounding the cordon areas, as described earlier in this chapter. Similarly, the increase for the VMT C scenario is likely explained by the reduction in vehicle hours of delay and vehicle volumes throughout the region under that pricing scenario.

### ***Jobs Access (Transit)***

Figure 36 displays the percent change in jobs accessible within 45 minutes by transit in the 2-hour PM peak for each pricing scenario, compared to the Base scenario.

**Figure 36 Percent Change in Jobs Accessible by Transit**



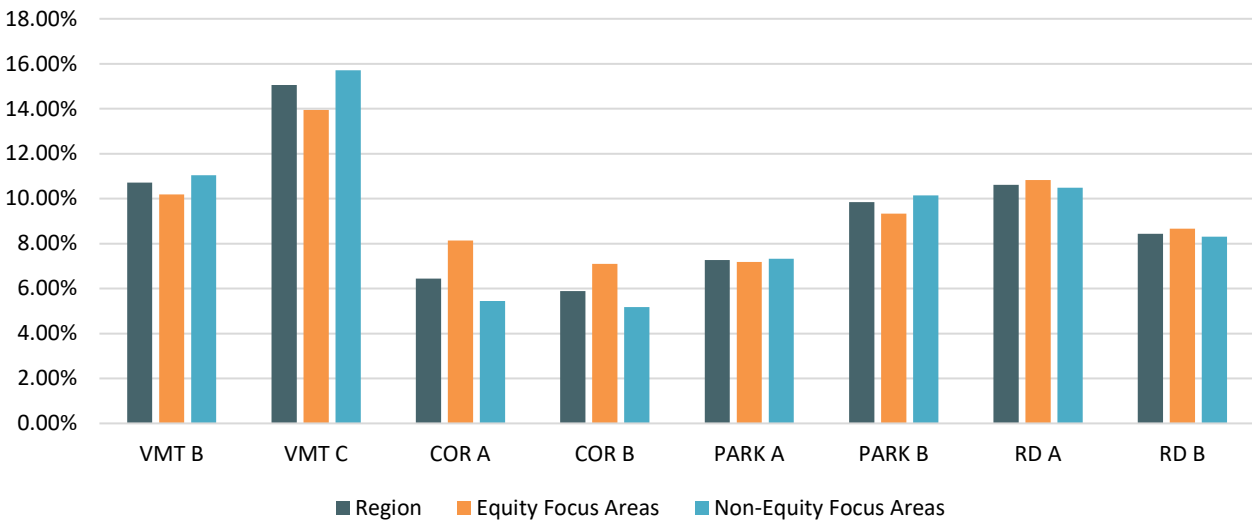
Six of the eight pricing scenarios showed an increase in the number of jobs accessible by transit at the regional level (approximately 0.4% to 2.1%), while the two Roadway scenarios showed decreases (approximately 0.2% to 1.4%). The percent reduction of jobs accessible by transit was largest for equity focus areas in the two Roadway scenarios compared to the region and non-equity focus areas. The scale of change for jobs accessible by transit was significantly smaller than for jobs accessible by auto. The VMT C scenario resulted in the greatest increase (2.1%). The decreases for the Roadway scenarios are likely explained by the increasing arterial vehicle hours of delay and diversion of vehicle volumes from freeways to arterials, where buses generally operate. The increases for the VMT C scenario are likely explained by the reduction in vehicle hours of delay and vehicle volumes throughout the region under that pricing scenario causing overall less reduction and delay on arterial streets.

### ***Community Places Access (Auto and Transit)***

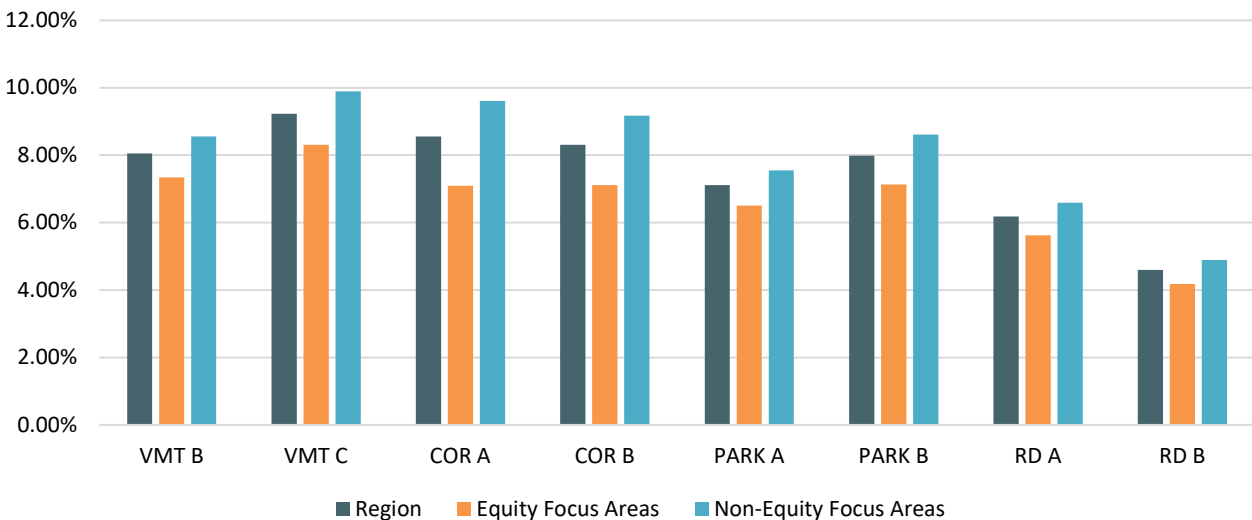
Another measure for equity is access to community places that provide key services and/or daily needs for people in the region. Figure 37 displays the percent change in community places accessible within 20 minutes by auto in the 2-hour PM peak for each pricing scenario, compared to the Base scenario. Figure 38 displays the percent change in community places accessible within 30 minutes by transit in the 2-hour PM peak for each pricing scenario, compared to the Base scenario.



**Figure 37 Percent Change in Community Places Accessible by Auto**



**Figure 38 Percent Change in Community Places Accessible by Transit**



For both auto and transit trips, access to community places increased with all eight pricing scenarios. The VMT C scenario showed the greatest increase in access to community places for both auto and transit. The two Cordon scenarios showed the smallest increase in community places accessible by auto, while the two Roadway scenarios showed the smallest increase in community places accessible by transit. These results were likely due to the changes in delay for those scenarios as discussed under the Job Access sections above.

All eight pricing scenarios showed an increase in the number of community places accessible by auto and by transit (approximately 5.9% to 15%, for auto, 4.6% to 9.2% for transit). The VMT C scenario resulted in the largest increase for both auto and transit, while the Cordon B scenario resulted in the lowest increase for auto and the Roadway B scenario resulted in the lowest increase for transit.

Compared to the number of jobs in the region, the number of community places is much smaller. Each pricing scenario results in increased access community places for equity focus areas and non-equity

focus areas. Equity focus areas benefit more than non-equity focus areas for accessibility by auto for the cordon scenarios and the roadway scenarios. When it comes to change in access to community places by transit, the benefit to non-equity focus areas exceeds the benefit to equity focus areas for all scenarios.

## Travel Times

The study analyzed auto travel times between selected centers throughout the region. The VMT scenarios showed faster travel times between all centers as people chose closer destinations or alternative modes to driving in response to the per-mile charge. With the Cordon scenarios, auto travel times improved to and from the Portland Central Business District (inside the cordon) and worsened slightly between areas on opposite sides of the cordon (likely due to traffic diversion to roadways adjacent to the cordon). The Parking scenarios resulted in slightly faster travel times to areas where parking was charged because fewer autos accessed those places to avoid the charges. The Roadway scenarios showed improved auto travel times between locations where most of the trip could be taken on charged roadways, and worse auto travel times where the trip required travel on arterials. This was likely due to the shifting of traffic from freeways to arterials to avoid the charge. Appendix D includes matrices for each scenario showing the change in travel time from the Base scenario between the selected centers.

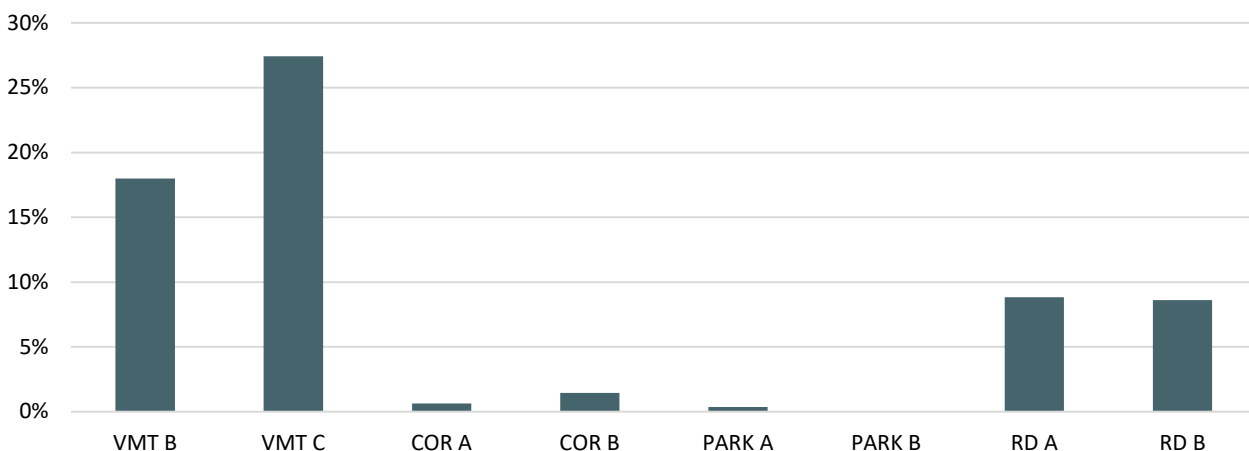
## Travel Costs

This study evaluated travel costs from two perspectives: total travel costs to the region, and individual traveler costs.

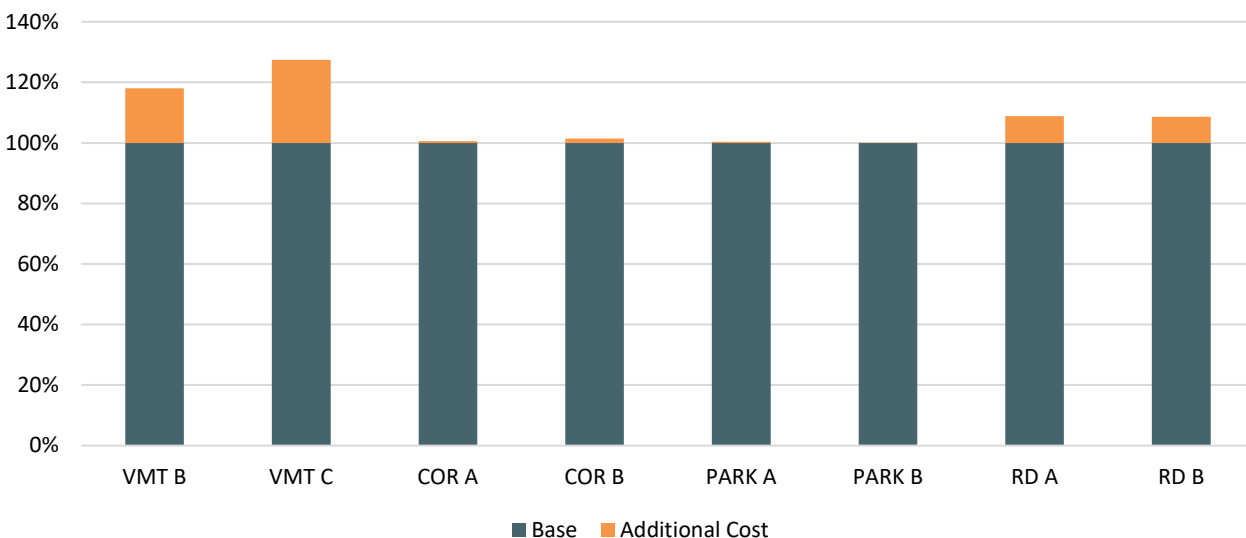
### Total Travel Costs

The total travel cost is the combination of total money paid on an average weekday for auto operating costs, tolls, parking, and transit fares, for all drivers in the region. Figure 39 shows the change in total travel cost for each pricing scenario, compared to the Base scenario, while Figure 40 shows the same change in total travel cost, but as an increase on top of the cost in the Base scenario.

**Figure 39 Total Travel Cost, Change from Base**



**Figure 40 Total Travel Cost, Increase over Base**



The two VMT scenarios resulted in the largest increase in total travel cost compared to the Base scenario (18% to 27%), while the Cordon and Parking scenarios resulted in a relatively minimal increase (0% to 1%). For the VMT scenarios, this increase resulted from the new per-mile charges assessed to every driver for every mile driven within the MPA. Comparatively, because the Roadway scenarios only charged for miles driven on the freeways, they affected a smaller number of drivers and miles, and only showed an increase of approximately 9%. Even fewer individuals were charged under either the Cordon or Parking scenarios, so their total travel costs were less. For the Cordon scenarios, an increase in costs resulting from drivers paying the cordon charge was offset by lower vehicle operating costs and lower parking costs, as some drivers changed modes or chose a different destination with lower or no parking costs outside of the cordon area. For the Parking scenarios, higher parking charges were similarly offset by some drivers changing modes or choosing a different destination with lower or no parking costs.

As Figure 40 shows, these additional pricing scenario costs represent a relatively small increase over the total Base scenario travel cost. In particular, at a regional level, total travel costs for the Cordon and Parking scenarios barely changed in relation to the Base scenario travel cost. However, while the regional total travel cost increases seem small, these costs were unevenly distributed, as the next section will describe.

### **Individual Travel Costs**

It is important to consider not just the regional travel cost, but also how different scenarios could impact various populations and trips. While there is not an easy way to represent each of the many different trips within the region, the following analysis highlights some examples of varying origins, destinations, and modes to illustrate some ways in which individuals may be charged under each of the pricing scenarios.

Table 8 displays the additional round trip costs for various driving trips compared to the Base scenario. The origin and destination are shown on the left, followed by the total round-trip distance and total round trip freeway distance (assuming the most efficient route). The additional round trip cost for each

scenario is shown on the right half of the figure, and on the far right, the base cost of the trip under the Base scenario. These examples assumed that drivers continue to use the most efficient path regardless of the charge, and that they would not change their mode or destination.

As Table 8 shows, many trips in the region would not pass through or end in either cordon boundary, or many trips in the region would not end in a charged parking zone. However, all driving trips would incur a charge under the two VMT scenarios, and many trips in the region included at least a portion of their trip on the freeways, if using the most efficient path. Many drivers could avoid all or part of the charges under the Roadway scenarios by diverting to arterials. For the Cordon and Parking scenarios, drivers would need to change either their destination or their mode to avoid or reduce the charge.

**Table 8 Example Cost Changes Compared to Base for Various Trips**

From	To	Distance (miles)	VMT B	VMT C	COR A	COR B	PARK A	PARK B	ROAD A	ROAD B	Base Total
Troutdale Airport	Hillsboro Intel Campus	62.8	\$4.30	\$8.29	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$7.66	\$15.31	\$13.25
Portland Airport	Bridgeport Village	44.6	\$3.06	\$5.89	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$5.28	\$10.56	\$9.41
Downtown Beaverton	Oregon City	37.2	\$2.55	\$4.91	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$4.46	\$4.75	\$9.50	\$9.95
Clackamas Town Center	Gateway	15.4	\$1.05	\$2.03	\$ -	\$ -	\$0.40	\$2.03	\$1.85	\$3.70	\$4.48
Gateway	Montgomery Park	18.8	\$1.29	\$2.48	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$2.38	\$4.75	\$3.97
Adidas Headquarters	Nike Headquarters	24.4	\$1.67	\$3.22	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$2.64	\$5.28	\$5.15
Downtown Gresham	Lloyd District	29.6	\$2.03	\$3.91	\$ -	\$5.63	\$3.97	\$16.13	\$3.17	\$6.34	\$14.44

\*For RD A and RD B, trips are assumed to utilize the freeways.

\*For COR A and COR B, trips not ending in downtown Portland are assumed to remain on the throughways.

As an example, in Table 8, a round-trip from Troutdale Airport to the Hillsboro Intel Campus would be approximately 63 miles. This trip would see no change in costs from either the Cordon or Parking scenarios, as it would not pass through the Cordon boundaries or end in a charged parking zone. However, because it is a long-distance trip, it would see relatively higher charges under the VMT scenarios, and because most of the trip would be on the freeways, it would see substantially higher charges under the Roadway scenarios. However, this trip could avoid some or all the charges under the Roadway scenario by diverting to arterial streets.

As a second example from Table 8, consider the trip from Downtown Gresham to the Lloyd District. This is a shorter trip (approximately 30 miles round-trip), with less distance traveled on the freeways, so this trip would cost less than the previous example for both the VMT and Roadway scenarios. However, the Lloyd District is located within the Cordon B boundaries and is also located in a high-cost parking area. Because of this, while this trip would also not be charged under the Cordon A scenario, it would accrue a charge under the Cordon B scenario, and it would face higher parking costs in both Parking scenarios, including a substantially higher cost under the Parking B scenario. Interestingly, even though this is a shorter trip than the previous example, the Base cost of this trip is higher because of the high cost of parking in the Lloyd District even in the Base scenario.

Table 9 to Table 10 show further examples of individual trips. For these examples, the change in costs is compared to the change in travel time to provide some context as to the benefits that might (or might not) come from paying a higher charge. Appendix D provides additional example trips.

**Example Trip: Sally**

Sally lives in Oregon City and drives to work on Swan Island. Table 9 shows how much travel time Sally could save under each pricing scenario, and how much her total auto costs would increase. Sally would pay a charge under five of the eight pricing scenarios, but she would also see travel time benefits under all eight pricing scenarios. In the Cordon B scenario, Sally would pay the Cordon charge twice because she would drive through the Cordon in each direction of her commute; paying the charge saves her 10 minutes of travel time each day. For the two Roadway scenarios, Sally would save 7 to 16 minutes each day, and would pay \$7.50 (Roadway A) or \$12.50 (Roadway B).

**Table 9 Example Trip (Sally) Change in Travel Time and Total Auto Costs – Fastest Trip**

	VMT B	VMT C	COR A	COR B	PARK A	PARK B	RD A	RD B
<b>Improvement in Travel Time (Minutes)</b>	2.0	4.0	2.0	10.0	1.5	3.5	7.0	16.0
<b>Increase in Total Auto Costs</b>	\$2.50	\$4.50	\$0.00	\$11.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7.50	\$12.50

Sally could also take a different route to avoid the Cordon and Roadway charges. Table 10 shows how her costs and travel times change if she were to choose to avoid these charges. In all three instances, Sally can avoid some or all the charge. However, her total travel costs still increase under all three pricing scenarios, because in the Cordon scenario, her auto operating costs increase due to taking a longer driving route, and in the Roadway scenarios, Sally still pays a charge for a portion of her trip. Also, by avoiding the charge, Sally’s travel times actually increase compared to the Base Scenario, by 0.5 to 5.5 minutes.

**Table 10 Example Trip (Sally) Change in Travel Time and Total Auto Costs – Charged Trip vs Avoiding Charges**

	COR B		RD A		RD B	
	Charge	Avoid	Charge	Avoid	Charge	Avoid
<b>Improvement in Travel Time (Minutes)</b>	10.0	-5.5	7	-0.5	16.0	-2.0
<b>Increase in Total Auto Costs</b>	\$11.50	\$2.00	\$7.50	\$0.50	\$12.50	\$1.00

**Example Trip: Roberto**

Roberto lives in Woodstock and drives to work in downtown Portland. Table 11 shows how Roberto’s travel time changes under each pricing scenario, and how much his total auto costs would increase. Roberto would pay a charge under six of the eight pricing scenarios, but he would also see travel time benefits under those pricing scenarios. In the Parking B scenario, Roberto would pay significantly more to park in downtown Portland, but he would see minimal improvements in travel time; under this scenario, Roberto might consider changing modes to avoid the larger parking charge. For the two Roadway scenarios, Roberto’s trip would be slightly slower as diversion from the freeways onto the arterials causes delays for his drive.



**Table 11 Example Trip (Roberto) Change in Travel Time and Total Auto Costs**

	VMT B	VMT C	COR A	COR B	PARK A	PARK B	RD A	RD B
<b>Improvement in Travel Time (Minutes)</b>	1.0	2.0	2.5	5.0	1.0	2.0	-0.5	-1.5
<b>Increase in Total Auto Costs</b>	\$1.00	\$1.50	\$5.50	\$5.50	\$4.00	\$20.50	\$0.00	\$0.00

**Example Trip: Sarah**

Sarah lives in Lake Oswego and takes the bus to her doctor at St. Vincent’s on Barnes Road. Table 12 shows that Sarah sees minor changes in travel time under each of the pricing scenarios. For most scenarios, she sees a slightly faster trip, though with the Roadway scenarios, she sees a slightly slower trip as diversion from the freeways onto the arterials causes delays for the bus. In all scenarios, her costs do not change, because the pricing scenarios do not assume any changes to TriMet fares.

**Table 12 Example Trip (Sarah) Change in Travel Time and Total Auto Costs**

	VMT B	VMT C	COR A	COR B	PARK A	PARK B	RD A	RD B
<b>Improvement in Travel Time (Minutes)</b>	1.0	2.0	1.5	1.5	0.5	1.5	-0.5	-1.0
<b>Increase in Total Auto Costs</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

**Example Trip: Ben**

Ben lives in Gresham and takes MAX to Gateway. Table 13 shows that Ben does not see any change in travel time or cost under any of the pricing scenarios. This is because MAX trains use dedicated right of way and are not impacted by changes in traffic volumes or delay, and because the pricing scenarios do not assume any changes to TriMet fares.

**Table 13 Example Trip (Ben) Change in Travel Time and Total Auto Costs**

	VMT B	VMT C	COR A	COR B	PARK A	PARK B	RD A	RD B
<b>Improvement in Travel Time (Minutes)</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Increase in Total Auto Costs</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

### 5.3 Summary by Pricing Scenario Family

In this section, the results described above are summarized by pricing scenario family to illustrate the relative tradeoffs by type of pricing scenario.

#### VMT Pricing Family

Table 14 below summarizes the high-level findings for the VMT pricing scenarios.

**Table 14 VMT Scenario High-Level Findings**

RTP Goal	Metrics	VMT B	VMT C
Congestion & Climate	Daily VMT	Large Positive Change	Large Positive Change
	Drive Alone Rate	Moderate Positive Change	Moderate Positive Change
	Daily Transit Trips	Small Positive Change	Small Positive Change
	2HR Freeway VHD	Large Negative Change	Large Negative Change
	2HR Arterial VHD	Large Negative Change	Large Negative Change
Climate	Emissions	Moderate Positive Change	Moderate Positive Change
Equity	Job Access (Auto)	Moderate Positive Change	Moderate Positive Change
	Job Access (Transit)	Moderate Positive Change	Moderate Positive Change
Total Regional Travel Cost		Medium-High	High

Note: Green indicates better alignment with regional goals when compared to the Base scenario

Legend	
Large Positive Change	Large Positive Change
Moderate Positive Change	Moderate Positive Change
Small Positive Change	Small Positive Change
Minimal Change	Minimal Change
Small Negative Change	Small Negative Change
Moderate Negative Change	Moderate Negative Change
Large Negative Change	Large Negative Change

Note: “Positive” and “Negative” refer to progress toward regional goals, and not to numerical values (i.e., a reduction in VMT is “positive”)

The two VMT scenarios showed improvements relative to the Base scenario (positive changes) at the regional scale for all studied metrics. Both VMT scenarios showed changes to driver behavior by:

- Reducing daily vehicle miles traveled
- Reducing the drive alone rate
- Increasing daily transit trips
- Reducing vehicle hours of delay on both freeways and arterials
- Reducing emissions
- Increasing job access via both auto and transit

The VMT C scenario performed best among all tested scenarios in reducing daily vehicle miles traveled, reducing the drive alone rate, increasing job access via both auto and transit, reducing vehicle hours of delay on arterials, and reducing emissions, and performed second best in reducing overall vehicle hours of delay. However, the VMT C scenario also had the highest regional travel cost of all tested

scenarios. It also resulted in higher costs for individual drivers compared to the VMT B scenario, and drivers could not avoid a charge without changing their destination or mode.

Additionally, from a geographic perspective the benefits of the VMT scenario were not evenly distributed. Costs tended to be higher for drivers who live further away from downtown Portland and who have fewer convenient or useful non-driving alternatives. At the same time, these drivers generally saw fewer improvements to the number of jobs they were able to access by transit or auto in a typical commute time. Additionally, drivers who work two jobs and may not be able to easily use alternative modes to commute may be disproportionately impacted. Appendix D contains additional figures documenting the change in cost compared to the change in job access via auto for the VMT scenarios.

### Considerations

The two VMT scenarios performed well on all metrics at a regional scale, largely because all driving trips within the MPA would be charged. Total travel cost would be the highest among the pricing tools studied, but those costs would be the most widely distributed compared to other pricing options. A VMT pricing program, however, should consider whether drivers that would pay more have viable alternatives to driving, and could focus on investments (transit, pedestrian, or bicycling infrastructure) or provide discounts or caps on charges for groups that would be disproportionately impacted, either because of where they live or their ability to pay.

## Cordon Pricing Family

Table 15 below summarizes the overall results for the Cordon pricing scenarios.

**Table 15 Cordon Scenario High-Level Findings**

RTP Goal	Metrics	COR A	COR B
Congestion & Climate	Daily VMT		
	Drive Alone Rate		
	Daily Transit Trips		
	2HR Freeway VHD		
	2HR Arterial VHD		
Climate	Emissions		
Equity	Job Access (Auto)		
	Job Access (Transit)		
<b>Total Regional Travel Cost</b>		<b>Medium-Low</b>	<b>Medium-Low</b>

Note: Green indicates better alignment with regional goals when compared to the Base scenario

Legend	
	Large Positive Change
	Moderate Positive Change
	Small Positive Change
	Minimal Change
	Small Negative Change
	Moderate Negative Change
	Large Negative Change

Note: "Positive" and "Negative" refer to progress toward regional goals, and not to numerical values (i.e., a reduction in VMT is "positive")

The two Cordon scenarios showed improvements relative to the Base scenario (positive changes) at the regional scale for five of the studied metrics. Both Cordon scenarios showed changes to driver behavior by:

- Reducing daily vehicle miles traveled
- Reducing the drive alone rate
- Increasing daily transit trips
- Reducing emissions
- Increasing job access via transit

The Cordon B scenario performed second best among all tested scenarios in increasing daily transit trips. However, the two Cordon scenarios showed negative changes relative to the Base scenario at the regional scale for two of the studied metrics:

- Increasing vehicle hours of delay on both freeways and arterials
- Reducing job access via auto

The Cordon B scenario implemented a charge within a larger area than the Cordon A scenario, which resulted in greater positive changes. However, the Cordon B scenario also resulted in charges for more individual drivers, and drivers could not avoid a charge without changing their destination or mode if their destination were within the cordon boundaries.

Additionally, from a geographic perspective the benefits and costs of the Cordon scenario were not evenly distributed. Costs tended to be higher for drivers living further away from downtown Portland and with fewer good non-driving alternatives. At the same time, due to increased congestion on regional highways in and around downtown Portland, these drivers generally saw more negative impacts to the number of jobs they could access by auto in a typical commute time. On the other hand, trips that did not require driving in or near the cordon area were minimally affected, as increased delay and vehicle volumes were concentrated in and around the cordon area. Additionally, those who did rely on transit generally benefited from the cordon scenarios, as buses experienced fewer delays within the cordon and the number of jobs accessible via transit in a typical commute increased. Appendix D contains additional figures documenting the change in cost compared to the change in job access via auto for the Cordon scenarios.

### ***Considerations***

The two Cordon scenarios demonstrated mixed results at a regional level. The relatively high mode shift to transit indicates that adding a charge for drivers in areas with good transit infrastructure could successfully shift travel modes. However, the diversion onto the nearby uncharged facilities that increased vehicle delay and decreased job access by transit would need to be explored in greater depth. Cordon design considerations could include expanding the cordon area to encompass more origins and destinations, pairing cordon pricing with roadway pricing on key facilities near the cordon, providing a time-of-day charge, or providing discounts or exemptions for groups that would be disproportionately impacted. Improvements to arterials near the cordon to speed transit (such as bus only lanes) could also be considered.

## Parking Pricing Family

Table 16 below summarizes the overall results for the Parking pricing scenarios.

**Table 16 Parking Scenario High-Level Findings**

RTP Goal	Metrics	PARKING A	PARKING B
Congestion & Climate	Daily VMT		
	Drive Alone Rate		
	Daily Transit Trips		
	2HR Freeway VHD		
	2HR Arterial VHD		
Climate	Emissions		
Equity	Job Access (Auto)		
	Job Access (Transit)		
<b>Total Regional Travel Cost</b>		<b>Low</b>	<b>Low</b>

Note: Green indicates better alignment with regional goals when compared to the Base scenario

Legend	
	Large Positive Change
	Moderate Positive Change
	Small Positive Change
	Minimal Change
	Small Negative Change
	Moderate Negative Change
	Large Negative Change

Note: "Positive" and "Negative" refer to progress toward regional goals, and not to numerical values (i.e., a reduction in VMT is "positive")

The two Parking scenarios showed improvements relative to the Base scenario (positive changes) at the regional scale for all the studied metrics (for the Parking A scenario, the change in job access via transit was minimal, but still in the positive direction). Both Parking scenarios showed changes to driver behavior by:

- Reducing daily vehicle miles traveled
- Reducing the drive alone rate
- Increasing daily transit trips
- Reducing vehicle hours of delay on both freeways and arterials
- Reducing emissions
- Increasing job access via both auto and transit

The Parking B scenario performed best among all tested scenarios in increasing daily transit trips and performed second best in reducing the drive alone rate. The Parking B scenario also implemented significantly higher parking charges, which resulted in greater positive changes compared to the Parking A scenario. However, the Parking B scenario also resulted in significantly higher charges for individual drivers who parked in paid parking areas, and drivers could not avoid a charge without changing their destination or mode if their destination were within a paid parking area.



Additionally, from a geographic perspective the benefits and costs of the Parking scenario are not evenly distributed. Costs tended to be higher for drivers living further away from downtown Portland and with fewer good non-driving alternatives. At the same time, these drivers generally saw less benefit in terms of increased job access in a typical commute time. Additionally, those who did rely on transit generally benefited from the parking scenarios, as buses experienced fewer delays due to reduced volumes in the downtown Portland core and the number of jobs accessible via transit in a typical commute increased. Appendix D contains additional figures documenting the change in cost compared to the change in job access via auto for the Parking scenarios.

### Considerations

The two Parking scenarios were effective for all metrics at a regional level. The increase in transit ridership was likely a direct result of where the charges were assessed (areas with good transit service). Charges were concentrated on fewer travelers compared to the VMT scenarios, so while the total travel cost was low compared to other pricing scenarios, the cost to the individual drivers who parked would be relatively high. The impacts to vulnerable populations should be carefully considered by a parking program, which could focus on discounts or caps on charges for key groups or reinvest revenues in improving transit service.

## Roadway Pricing Family

Table 17 below summarizes the overall results for the Roadway pricing scenarios.

**Table 17 Roadway Scenario High-Level Findings**

RTP Goal	Metrics	ROADWAY A	ROADWAY B
Congestion & Climate	Daily VMT	Green	Green
	Drive Alone Rate	Light Green	Light Green
	Daily Transit Trips	White	Light Green
	2HR Freeway VHD	Dark Green	Dark Green
	2HR Arterial VHD	Yellow	Brown
Climate	Emissions	Green	Green
Equity	Job Access (Auto)	Green	Light Green
	Job Access (Transit)	White	Yellow
Total Regional Travel Cost		Medium	Medium

Note: Green indicates better alignment with regional goals when compared to the Base scenario

Legend	
Dark Green	Large Positive Change
Medium Green	Moderate Positive Change
Light Green	Small Positive Change
White	Minimal Change
Yellow	Small Negative Change
Orange	Moderate Negative Change
Brown	Large Negative Change

Note: “Positive” and “Negative” refer to progress toward regional goals, and not to numerical values (i.e., a reduction in VMT is “positive”)

The two Roadway scenarios showed improvements relative to the Base scenario (positive changes) at the regional scale for six of the studied metrics (for Roadway A, the change in daily transit trips was

minimal, but still in the positive direction). Both Roadway scenarios showed changes to driver behavior by:

- Reducing daily vehicle miles traveled
- Reducing the drive alone rate
- Increasing daily transit trips
- Reducing vehicle hours of delay on freeways
- Reducing emissions
- Increasing job access via auto

The Roadway B scenario performed best among all tested scenarios in reducing both overall and freeway vehicle hours of delay and performed second best in reducing daily vehicle miles traveled. Interestingly, the Roadway A scenario performed second best among all tested scenarios at improving job access via auto; with a larger charge to drive on the throughways, the Roadway B scenario was less effective at improving job access via auto.

However, the two Roadway scenarios showed negative changes relative to the Base scenario at the regional scale for two of the studied metrics (for Roadway A, the change in job access via transit was minimal, but still in the negative direction):

- Increasing vehicle hours of delay on arterials
- Reducing job access via transit

Most significantly, the two Roadway scenarios both showed diversion of traffic volumes from the freeway network to the arterials as drivers seek to avoid a charge. The effect is magnified with Roadway B - with the charge doubled compared to Roadway A, the arterial vehicle hours of delay increase.

Additionally, from a geographic perspective the benefits and costs of the Roadway scenario were not evenly distributed. Costs tended to be higher for drivers living closer to a freeway or highway. At the same time, these drivers generally saw more of an increase in the number of jobs they were able to access by auto in a typical commute time, due to decreased congestion on those freeways and highways. On the other hand, drivers living farther from a freeway or highway but who still drove longer distances were most negatively affected, as they saw less of an increase in job access via auto due to higher volumes and delay on arterial streets that they traveled to reach the freeways. Additionally, those who did rely on transit were generally negatively impacted by the Roadway scenarios, as buses primarily traveled on arterial roads, which became congested in the Roadway A scenario and substantially more congested in the Roadway B scenario, resulting in slower transit and a decrease in the number of jobs accessible via transit in a typical commute. Appendix D contains additional figures documenting the change in cost compared to the change in job access via auto for the Roadway scenarios.

## ***Considerations***

The two Roadway scenarios had mixed results at a regional level, with improvements on reductions in VMT and reduced delay on the charged roadways coupled with increased delay to nearby non-charged roadways. Burdens and benefits were not uniformly distributed and could disproportionately impact travelers that live on the outskirts of the region.

The complexity of these findings indicate that a roadway pricing program should focus not only on the impacts to delay on the throughways charged, but the impacts to nearby non-charged roadways. Impacts at a localized scale would need to be examined to understand if there were investments (such as transit, bike, or pedestrian improvements) that could improve overall performance. In addition, the impacts to travel costs should be assessed at a granular scale to understand the impact on vulnerable groups.

## 6 FEASIBILITY AND IMPLEMENTATION CONSIDERATIONS

Metro’s analysis of the four types of pricing showed that they all have the potential to help reduce congestion and lower greenhouse gas emissions, with varying degrees of success. The equity and best practices discussions yielded agreement that congestion pricing tools can also address equity concerns and decisions about how to spend revenue can also address safety concerns. Any one of these four pricing tools could be implemented separately or in some combination.

A major consideration in addition to performance is how easy or difficult a pricing tool would be to implement. This section provides an overview of the feasibility considerations, including: a review of public acceptance, technology, enforcement, cost to implement, legal and policy considerations, and ease of implementation. A more detailed discussion on implementation considerations is found in Appendix A.

### 6.1 Technology Considerations

The four congestion pricing tools analyzed rely on different types of enabling technologies for implementation.

- **Tolling Technologies** – Modern electronic toll collection systems use Automatic Vehicle Identification (AVI) and Automatic License Plate Reader (ALPR) technologies, which identify vehicles without impeding traffic flow. Both collection systems use transponders to identify vehicles with pre-paid toll accounts to charge vehicles. Those without transponders have the option of paying by mail. *(Applies to cordon pricing and roadway pricing scenarios)*
- **Mobile Applications** – Several companies are using cell phone-based technologies, such as GPS and 5G wireless positioning features, to determine vehicle location and assess tolls. *(Applies to cordon pricing and roadway pricing scenarios)*
- **Connected Vehicles (V2X)** – Installation of Dedicated Short-Range Communications (DSRC) in new vehicles (e.g., 5G wireless network communication). This allows for new vehicles to communicate with toll infrastructure and automatically charge vehicles. These connected vehicles present opportunities to leverage their communications capabilities to automatically toll vehicles. *(Applies to cordon pricing and roadway pricing scenarios)*
- **OReGO<sup>12</sup> Technologies** – Uses devices that connect into a vehicle’s On-Board Diagnostic (OBD)-II ports to get vehicle information and odometer reads, then transmit it wirelessly back to the VMT account manager. *(Applies to VMT scenarios)*
- **Self-Reporting** – Vehicle owners manually logging mileage online periodically. These self-reporting methods are being trialed in various states that are piloting VMT programs. *(Applies to VMT scenarios)*

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<sup>12</sup> OReGO participants pay 1.8 cents for each mile they drive on Oregon roads. That money goes into the State Highway Fund for construction, maintenance, and preservation of roads and bridges. See <https://www.myorego.org/> for more information.

- **Parking Payment Systems** – Mobile payment apps and smart sensors have revolutionized the ability for parking operators to dynamically price and manage parking inventory. In general, parking payment systems have largely automated how parking operators can collect payments. This growth in payment systems coupled with existing taxing ability for government entities to collect from parking operators would allow agencies to impose and collect congestion pricing fees more easily. (*Applies to parking pricing scenarios*)

## 6.2 Implementation Considerations

Implementation considerations of each technology is critical to further understand the feasibility of the four congestion pricing tools. This section addresses the implementation of technology, enforcement, cost, policies/legal, and ease of use for the public. A summary matrix is included to assess how these implementation topics relate to each congestion pricing tool.

**1. Technology:** Several considerations are vital to implementation of technology.

- **Technology Maturity.** Deploying existing technologies will likely be less expensive to implement and reduce scheduling risks compared to deploying emerging or in-development technologies. Implementing existing technologies does need to be weighed against the risk of the technology becoming obsolete in the near future or being vulnerable to future market disruptors.
- **Physical Roadside Presence.** The physical footprint of technologies will be important in urban environments where space and visual aesthetics are at premium. For instance, a typical tolling system requires overhead mounted antennas that effectively read transponders and capture license plates to be installed throughout the corridors to provide effective compliance. Some of this infrastructure might not be allowed in certain parts of the city (for example, within an historical district) or require design commission approval.
- **Intrusiveness.** The more the technology requires the public to take an action, the more difficult it will be for the technology be adopted and for pricing to be applied accurately and reliably. For instance, a technology that requires customers to download an app and track mileage manually would be less effective than a technology that captures license plates and automatically sends a bill to a customer.
- **Compatibility with Other Pricing Programs.** Keeping in mind coordination with other pricing programs will go a long way towards creating a more seamless customer experience for travelers. In particular, ODOT is planning to implement tolling on Interstates in the Portland region, so adopting common technologies and payment systems may be advantageous in order to reduce duplicative efforts and provide savings through economies of scale. The Hop regional transit fare program and various private parking payment systems are other programs that a pricing program could coordinate with.

**2. Equity:** Selection of particular technologies and methodologies for pricing should consider impacts on different demographic and income groups in the region. Expensive or complex pricing methods may not only unfairly burden transportation disadvantaged travelers and create barriers to entry for them but could also cause these groups to be punitively treated as violators due to their lack of



access to the proper technologies. The overall customer experience of how travelers enroll, pay, and use priced facilities should also be carefully considered and steps taken to reduce undue impacts. For example, paying tolls should allow those without access to traditional banking services to be able to use alternative payment methods, such as cash payment kiosks at local stores, or to preload a pass account at a retail location. The TriMet Hop Fastpass fare card system has explored methods to improve access for the unbanked and underbanked population that could provide some lessons to congestion pricing<sup>13</sup>.

3. **Enforcement:** Enforcement entails balancing revenues lost due to scofflaws, perception of enforcement effectiveness by the public, and the cost of the enforcement itself. Striving for 100% enforcement may be cost prohibitive, but not investing enough would upset paying customers and reduce revenues. In addition, some pricing methods, such as mobile apps, are great for paying customers, but do nothing for catching and charging drivers without the apps. A layered, multiple technology approach to enforcement may be needed.
4. **Cost:** Selection of pricing scenarios and technologies should also take into consideration both the upfront capital cost of implementation and ongoing operational costs to evaluate overall lifecycle costs. Cost should also be examined in context of potential revenues raised. In addition, funding sources for capital and operational costs could also influence the pricing technology and delivery method selected. For example, the region could consider a Public Private Partnership (PPP) delivery method to take advantage of private financing. Any consideration of PPP would need to be done thoughtfully and with the unique context of Portland's needs in mind.
5. **Policies/Legal:** Consideration must be made for the need to secure authorization to implement any congestion pricing program, specifically the powers to impose a price and to enforce it. A more thorough legal review would be needed beyond these insights:
  - **VMT authority.** The current OReGo program's authority is covered under ORS 319.883-.947. Privacy of customer data is also explicitly protected under ORS 319.915. However, the regulations only make VMT voluntary and do not allow imposing a mandate. Therefore, violation regulations only cover misreporting of mileage by voluntary VMT program participants.
  - **Tolling/Cordon authority.** At the State level, tolling of roadways are covered where the Oregon Transportation Commission has the power to approve toll on any "highway" in Oregon (all public roads in Oregon). At the Federal level, 23 U.S.C. 129 stipulates tolling of Interstates is limited to new highways and new lanes added to existing Interstate highways, provided the number of toll-free lanes are maintained, or to reconstruction or replacement of a toll-free bridge or tunnel and conversion of the bridge or tunnel to a toll facility.<sup>14</sup>

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<sup>13</sup> More information on TriMet's Hop Fastpass program can be found at <https://myhopcard.com/home/> (last accessed May 16, 2021).

<sup>14</sup> Oregon is a participant in the FHWA Value Pricing Pilot Program (VPPP). The VPPP was established in 1991 (as the Congestion Pricing Pilot Program) to encourage implementation and evaluation of value pricing pilot projects to manage congestion on highways through tolling and other pricing mechanisms. While the program no longer actively solicits projects, it can still provide tolling authority to State, regional or local governments to implement congestion pricing applications. See [https://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/congestionpricing/value\\_pricing/](https://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/congestionpricing/value_pricing/) for more detail.

- **Parking pricing.** The ability to raise parking fees for congestion pricing purposes is assumed to need authorization from local jurisdictions.

**Table 18 Ease of Implementation of the Four Pricing Scenarios under Consideration**

Scenarios	Method of Pricing	Technology	Enforcement	Cost	Policies/ Legal	Ease of Use
<b>VMT</b>	OReGo OBDII port technologies	Existing technology	Cannot enforce with out-of-state drivers	Need to deploy on all vehicles	Need to mandate VMT for all OR vehicles, privacy concern	Already deployed
	Self-reporting	Need to develop self-reporting system	Relies on honor system, cannot enforce with out of state drivers	Cost of developing self-reporting system and ongoing administrative costs	Need to mandate VMT for all OR vehicles	Depends on complexity and frequency of self-reporting
<b>Cordon Pricing</b>	Tolling technology	Existing technology	Pursuit registered owner with license plate	Upfront construction costs	Need tolling authority	Requires setting up toll accounts
	Mobile apps	Existing technology	Needs to be coupled with roadside enforcement	Minimal development costs, operational costs depend on enforcement approach	Need tolling authority, privacy concerns	Minimal effort to download and sign up
	Connected vehicles	Not universally available nor installed	Needs to be coupled with roadside enforcement	Require new infrastructure to support	Need tolling authority, privacy concerns	Requires setting up toll accounts
<b>Parking Pricing</b>	Raise prices using existing paid parking systems	Existing technology	Using existing means of parking enforcement	Mainly administrative costs	Leverage existing parking fee/taxation frameworks	No change in paying method
<b>Roadway Pricing</b>	Tolling technology	Existing technology	Hard to enforce on arterial roads	Significant infrastructure cost due to frequency of tolling locations needed	Need tolling authority	Requires setting up toll accounts
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<b>Legend:</b>	Easy	Moderate	Difficult
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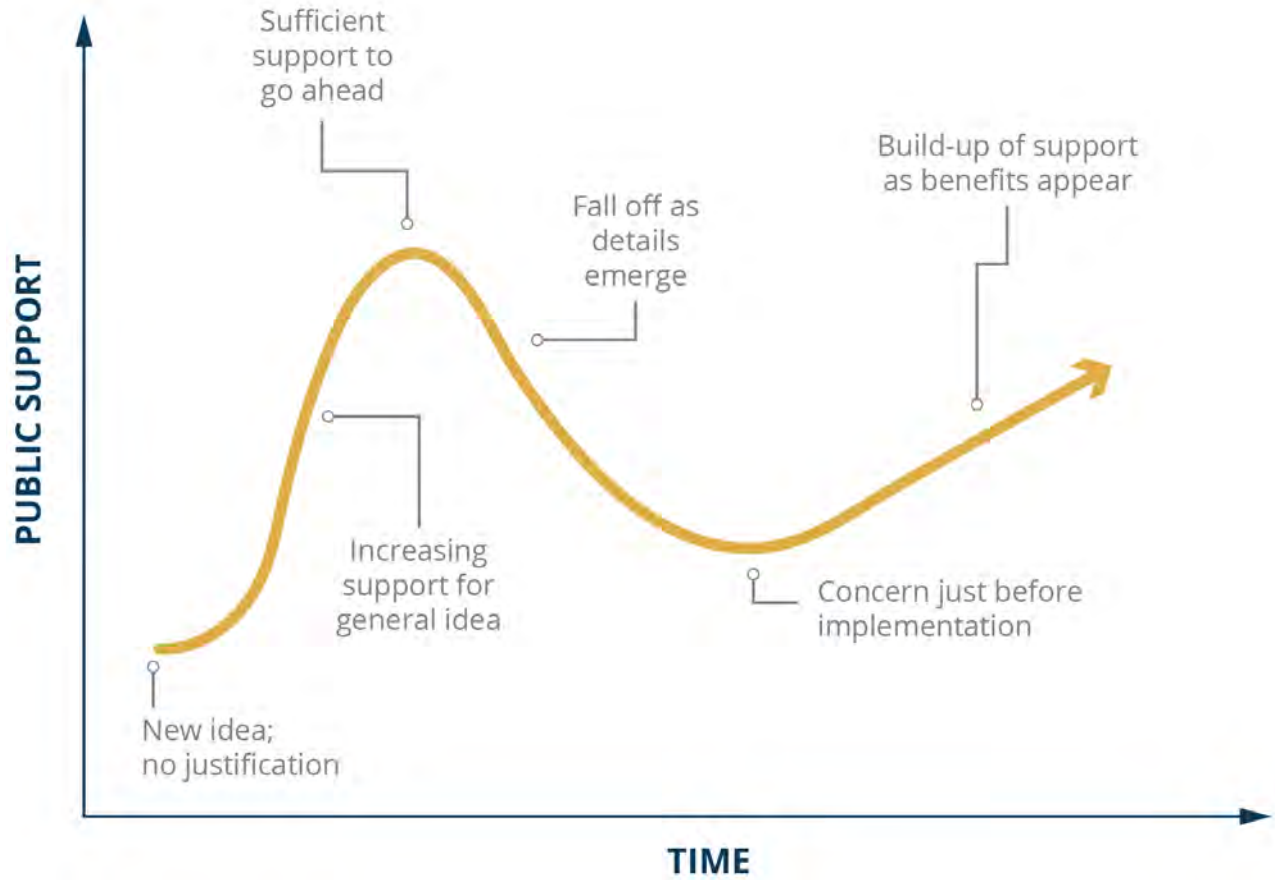
6. **Customer Ease of Use:** Widespread adoption of technologies in already deployed in the region, such as the OReGO program, could reduce costs and increase customer convenience. The more automated payments and streamlined business rules are made, the easier it is for the public to participate, contrasting to methods that require more frequent inputs such as manually tracking mileages which would make compliance more difficult.

## 6.3 Key Insights

The ease of implementation summarized in Table 18 presents a high-level screening which considers broad issues. As implementing agencies fine tune pricing scenarios, implementation details will also become clearer, and solutions refined. Key insights of implementation at this stage:

- Public acceptance: all pricing programs are likely to struggle with public acceptance. There is a common perception that pricing is likely to hurt transportation disadvantaged populations and that people will pay more for something without seeing a benefit. Case studies have shown acceptance grows after a pricing program is implemented, as shown in Figure 41 below. A concerted public engagement and marketing effort would likely be needed to garner acceptance of a congestion pricing project or program.
- Parking pricing is the easiest of the tools to implement since it leverages existing infrastructure and processes to introduce congestion pricing.
- Cordon pricing can leverage state of the art tolling and enforcement technologies, making implementation moderately difficult to implement.
- Although roadway pricing can leverage many tolling methods, enforcement can be difficult. Also, tolling roadways that are not limited access could be cost prohibitive, reflecting why arterial tolling is not typically priced.
- A VMT program could build off of the OReGO pilot but a major implementation barrier is enforcement and mandating vehicles to participate.
- A pilot phase might make sense for the Portland region to trial one or more technologies before scaling up to a region-wide system.

Figure 41 Public Acceptance of Congestion Pricing Changes Over Time



Source: Adapted from Centre for Transport Studies Stockholm

## 7 COMPLEXITY OF REVENUE

Cost and revenue potential of pricing varies by the type of congestion pricing. The amount charged must be balanced against the cost to deploy and operate a pricing program, including both capital and operating costs.

The cost estimation of a congestion pricing scenario is dependent on which method of applying pricing is employed. The first component of cost estimation, **capital cost**, entails the cost to initially implement a scenario's method of pricing and is heavily influenced by the maturity of technology available, the ability to leverage an existing pricing program, and the physical footprint of equipment that needs to be deployed. The second component of cost estimation is **operating cost**, the ongoing cost to administer and maintain the scenario's method of pricing. Operating costs are dependent on the ability to leverage an existing pricing program (if available), the cost of handling transactions, and the volume of transactions generated. Revenues generated by the congestion pricing program must be high enough to pay for implementation and operation of a program or project; and to address equity and safety impacts that may be introduced.

Therefore, cost estimations range considerably for the congestion pricing scenarios and their specific methods of pricing. Considerations are summarized in Table 19. The following is a summary of scenarios from the least expensive to the most expensive.

- **Parking Pricing** – Parking pricing scenarios are the least expensive to deploy and operate since they can readily leverage existing priced parking technology in use. As long as the parking rate structure is simple (and not dynamically set), most of the cost of implementing this family of scenarios is in the form of staffing to ensure fees are correctly administered and collected. Although implementation costs are low, these scenarios hold low revenue potential as well.
- **VMT** – Moderately costly to implement, the VMT scenario benefits from the ability to build on Oregon DOT's existing OReGO road user charge program. Technology and administration have already been deployed to collect fees, and that technology could be scaled up to expand VMT to the entire region. The main cost for VMT is equipping vehicles and administering the program. VMT scenarios have a high potential for revenue generation, and costs are shared among all drivers of the region.
- **Cordon Pricing** – Depending on the method of tolling and enforcement employed, cordon pricing can range from moderately expensive to most expensive. On the lower end of the cost scale is deploying app-based technology with selective enforcement, which could lower equipment costs, but results in lower potential revenues and reduce pricing's effectiveness. On the other hand, a robust implementation of tolling equipment around the cordon's boundary would reduce revenue leakage, but significantly raise construction and operational costs.
- **Roadways** – Tolling of Portland's throughway network would be the most expensive due to the network's extensive geographical footprint. Even if utilizing technologies that make it relatively easier for customers to pay a toll (such as mobile apps), and with a minimal number of toll gantries needed for enforcement, roadway pricing is expected to be costly to implement and to generate



vast numbers of transactions to process, requiring high administrative and operating cost expenditures.

These scenarios vary in their revenue generation potential.

**Table 19 Cost Estimations by Scenario**

Scenarios	Method of Pricing	Capital Costs	Operating Costs	Revenue Potential
<b>VMT</b>	OReGo OBDII port technologies			<b>\$\$\$\$</b>
	Self-reporting			
<b>Cordon Pricing</b>	Tolling technology			<b>\$</b>
	Mobile apps			
	Connected vehicles			
<b>Parking Pricing</b>	Raise prices using existing paid parking systems			<b>\$</b>
<b>Roadway Pricing</b>	Tolling technology			<b>\$\$</b>
	Mobile apps			
	Connected vehicles			
<b>Legend:</b>	Least Expensive	Moderately Expensive	Most Expensive	

NOTE: The table above summarizes order of magnitude cost and revenue for scenarios modeled as part of this study. Specific cost and revenue analysis would be needed as part of any specific pricing project.

## 8 CONCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

This study explored the potential for different types of congestion pricing to help the Portland Metropolitan Region meet the four regional transportation priorities adopted in the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan. Project staff relied on several key resources to guide the work, including Metro's Regional Travel Demand Model; guidance from congestion pricing experts around the country; and engagement with equity experts local to this region, including CORE, EMAC, and the POEM Task Force. In documenting the main findings from this study, we have gleaned several that we believe will be particularly helpful to policy makers and project sponsors going forward.

### 8.1 Peer Evidence and Support

Portland is not the first metropolitan region to consider pricing strategies to support community goals. Many cities nationally and across the globe have implemented pricing strategies and realized significant benefits. For example:

- **Stockholm:** The congestion pricing program has reduced traffic by 22% and greenhouse gas emissions by 14%. Program revenues have funded 18 new regional bus lines and 2,800 new regional park-and-ride spaces.<sup>15</sup> After congestion pricing was implemented, the number of acute asthma cases in young children dropped by about 50%.<sup>16</sup>
- **London:** Prior to congestion pricing, traffic in central London averaged 2-5 mph. Since implementation, the average traffic speed has increased to 10 mph.<sup>17</sup> London increased bus service in the pricing zone by 27%, improving transit reliability and travel times. As a result, bus ridership increased 38% in two years.<sup>18</sup>

Many North American cities also have studies underway or are near implementation. A few examples are provided below:

- **New York City:** In 2019, New York City implemented a congestion zone surcharge on for-hire vehicles (like taxis, Uber and Lyft) in Manhattan as part of its phased approach to pricing. Future phases, planned for implementation in 2021, include a vehicle fee for crossing into a specified zone. Revenues collected from the program will be reinvested into capital transit projects, particularly in the city's subway system.
- **San Francisco:** In 2019, the San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA) began to explore how a fee to drive downtown could achieve congestion, climate, equity, and safety goals. The study builds on a 2010 Study, which evaluated the applicability of congestion pricing to San Francisco.

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<sup>15</sup> SFCTA, *Mobility, Access, and Pricing Study: Case Studies: Stockholm and London*, 2010.

<sup>16</sup> Simeonova, E, et al., *Congestion Pricing, Air Pollution and Children's Health*, 2018.

<sup>17</sup> SFCTA, *Mobility, Access, and Pricing Study: Case Studies: Stockholm and London*, 2010.

<sup>18</sup> *Congestion Charging Central London, Impacts Monitoring Second Annual Report*, 2004.

- **Vancouver, B.C.:** [A 2018 study](#) considered how congestion pricing could reduce traffic congestion, promote fairness, and support transportation investment. A second phase of study is developing a more detailed approach to a pricing program.

## 8.2 Key Takeaways

Congestion pricing has the potential to help the greater Portland region meet the priorities outlined in its 2018 Regional Transportation Plan, including reducing congestion and improving mobility, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and improving equity and safety outcomes. However, it depends how pricing is implemented in the region.

### **VMT**

VMT scenarios performed well on all metrics at a regional scale, largely because all driving trips within the MPA would be charged. Total travel cost would be the highest among the pricing tools studied, but those costs would be the most widely distributed compared to other pricing options. A VMT pricing program should consider whether drivers who would pay more have viable alternatives to driving, and could focus on investments (transit, pedestrian, or bicycling infrastructure) or provide discounts or caps on charges for groups that would be disproportionately impacted, either because of where they live or their ability to pay.

### **Cordon**

The cordon analysis demonstrated mixed results at a regional level. The cordons studied resulted in relatively high mode shift to transit, indicating that adding a charge for drivers in areas with good transit infrastructure could successfully shift travel modes. However, the diversion onto the nearby uncharged facilities that increased vehicle delay and decreased job access by transit would need to be explored in greater depth. Cordon design considerations could include expanding the cordon area to encompass more origins and destinations, pairing cordon pricing with roadway pricing on key facilities near the cordon, providing a time-of-day charge, or providing discounts or exemptions for groups that would be disproportionately impacted. Improvements to arterials near the cordon to speed transit (such as bus only lanes) could also be considered.

### **Parking**

Overall, parking charging demonstrated positive results for all metrics at a regional level. The analysis shows that charging for parking could increase transit ridership – likely a direct result of where the charges were assessed (areas with good transit service). Charges were concentrated on fewer travelers compared to the VMT scenarios, so while the total travel cost was low compared to other pricing scenarios, the cost to the individual drivers who parked was relatively high. The impacts to vulnerable populations should be carefully considered in a parking program, which could focus on discounts or caps on charges for key groups or revenue reinvestment to improve transit service.

## Roadway

The two Roadway scenarios had mixed results at a regional level, with reductions in VMT and reduced delay on the charged roadways coupled with increased delay to nearby non-charged roadways. Burdens and benefits were not uniformly distributed and could disproportionately impact travelers that live on the outskirts of the region.

The complexity of these findings indicates that a roadway pricing program should focus not only on the impacts to delay on the throughways charged, but the impacts to nearby non-charged roadways. Impacts at a localized scale would need to be examined to understand if there were investments (such as transit, bike, or pedestrian improvements) that could improve overall performance. In addition, the travel costs should be assessed at a granular scale to understand the impact on vulnerable groups.

## Equity Considerations

While the equity focus areas see an increase in percent change of jobs accessible by auto in six of the eight scenarios, they benefit less than non-equity focus areas across the board. Related to access to community places, each pricing scenario results in increased access for equity focus areas and non-equity focus areas. Equity focus areas benefit more than non-equity focus areas for accessibility by auto for the cordon scenarios and the roadway scenarios. When it comes to change in access to community places by transit, the benefit to non-equity focus areas exceeds the benefit to equity focus areas for all scenarios.

## 8.3 Recommendations

Below are general recommended considerations for both policymakers and future project owners and operators, as well as specific recommendations that would apply to each group.

- Congestion pricing can be used to improve mobility and reduce emissions. This study demonstrated how these tools could work with the region's land use and transportation system.
- Define clear goals and outcomes from the beginning of a pricing program. The program priorities such as mobility, revenues, or equity should inform the program design and implementation strategies. Optimizing for one priority over another can lead to different outcomes.
- Recognize that benefits and impacts of pricing programs will vary across geographies. These variations should inform decisions about where a program should target investments and affordability strategies and in depth outreach.
- Carefully consider how the benefits and costs of congestion pricing impact different geographic and demographic groups. In particular, projects and programs need to conduct detailed analysis to show how to:
  - maximize benefits (mobility, shift to transit, less emissions, better access to jobs and community places, affordability, and safety) and
  - address negative impacts (diversion and related congestion on nearby routes, slowing of buses, potential safety issues, costs to low-income travelers, and equity issues).

- Congestion pricing can benefit communities that have been harmed in the past, providing meaningful equity benefits to the region. However, if not done thoughtfully, congestion pricing could harm BIPOC and low-income communities, compounding past injustices.
- Conversations around congestion pricing costs, revenues, and reinvestment decisions should happen at the local, regional, and when appropriate the state scale, depending on the distribution of benefits and impacts for the specific policy, project, or program being implemented.

### *Specifically For Policy Makers*

- Congestion pricing has a strong potential to help the greater Portland region meet the priorities outlined in its 2018 Regional Transportation Plan, specifically addressing congestion and mobility; climate; equity; and safety.
  - Technical analysis showed that all four types of pricing analyzed improved performance in these categories;
  - Best practices research and input from experts showed there are tools for maximizing performance and addressing unintended consequences.
- Given the importance of pricing as a tool for the region’s transportation system, policy makers should include pricing policy development and refinement as part of the next update of the Regional Transportation Plan in 2023, including consideration of other pricing programs being studied or implemented in the region.

### *Specifically For Future Project Owners/Operators*

- The success of a specific project or program is largely based on **how** it is developed and implemented requiring detailed analysis, outreach, monitoring, and incorporation of best practices.
- Coordinate with other pricing programs, including analysis of cumulative impacts and consideration of shared payment technologies, to reduce user confusion and ensure success of a program.
- Conduct meaningful engagement and an extensive outreach campaign, including with those who would be most impacted by congestion pricing, to develop a project that works and will gain public and political acceptance.
- Build equity, safety, and affordability into the project definition so a holistic project that meets the need of the community is developed rather than adding “mitigations” later.
- Establish a process for ongoing monitoring of performance, in order to adjust and optimize a program once implemented.

## 8.4 Next Steps

Since its identification as a high priority, high impact strategy in the 2018 RTP, Metro staff and leaders endeavor to better understand how our region could use congestion pricing to manage traffic demand to meet climate goals without adversely impacting safety or equity. This study delineates the impacts pricing could have in helping the region:

- Reduce traffic congestion;



- Improve equity by reducing disparity;
- Enhance safety by getting to Vision Zero; and
- Support the climate by reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

The study's Expert Review Panel demonstrated that congestion pricing is effective in encouraging drivers to change their behavior (using more sustainable travel modes like transit, walking, or biking; driving less; and driving at different times) and reducing congestion and greenhouse gas emissions.

Leaders around the region may use the findings from this study to inform policies, including the development of the 2023 RTP and other transportation projects that may include congestion pricing in the future. We expect this study will inform the work of implementing agencies as they propose new congestion pricing projects at the local level.

**APPENDIX A: IMPLEMENTATION CONSIDERATIONS  
TECHNICAL PAPER**

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## TECHNICAL PAPER

### Introduction

With a transportation network already stressed and congested, the Portland region is anticipating worsening mobility conditions in the coming years with the projected economic and population growth. The region has long recognized that traditional strategies to “build” its way out of congestion will not be effective. Therefore, Metro is examining the feasibility of using congestion pricing as a potential *new* strategy to improve mobility with the goals of addressing congestion, climate change, equity, and safety.

### Pricing Scenarios

Four congestion pricing scenarios are being analyzed as part of the Metro Congestion Pricing Study. Each of the four have benefits and disbenefits, and all are likely to reduce congestion, with varying degrees of success and acceptance by the public. Any one of these four scenarios could be implemented separately or in some combination.

1. Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)
2. Cordon Pricing
3. Parking Pricing
4. Roadway Corridor Pricing

### Pricing Technologies

There are a range of enabling technologies that could support the scenarios above.

1. **Tolling technologies** – Modern electronic toll collection systems used on toll roads are highly automated using Automatic Vehicle Identification (AVI) and Automatic License Plate Reader (ALPR) technologies, which identify vehicles without impeding traffic flow. Typically, AVI antennas mounted over roadways read transponders in vehicles to identify those with pre-paid toll accounts. ALPR cameras mounted overhead capture images of vehicle license plates to identify those without a transponder. The toll system uses the images to match a vehicle to a pre-paid account and charge the proper toll or, in the event no account is detected, send the vehicle owner a post-paid invoice or a violation notice.  
*Applies to cordon pricing and roadway pricing scenarios*
2. **Mobile apps** – Several companies are using cell phone-based technologies, such as GPS and 5G wireless positioning features, to determine vehicle location and assess tolls. Apps on cell phones can send a vehicle license plate number to reconcile the vehicle with the toll due that is captured by a roadside toll system. In addition, cell phone apps can also provide travelers with pricing information and reduce the need for electronic signs.  
*Applies to cordon pricing and roadway pricing scenarios*

3. **Connected Vehicles (V2X)**– Despite the lack of a Federal mandates for the installation of Dedicated Short-Range Communications (DSRC) in new vehicles, many vehicle manufacturers are pressing ahead with technologies to let their vehicles communicate directly with other vehicles and roadside infrastructure. For instance, Ford is planning to equip all of their 2022 vehicles with 5G network communication. Existing vehicles without built-in connectivity could be equipped with retrofit kits. These connected vehicles present opportunities to leverage their communications capabilities to automatically toll vehicles.

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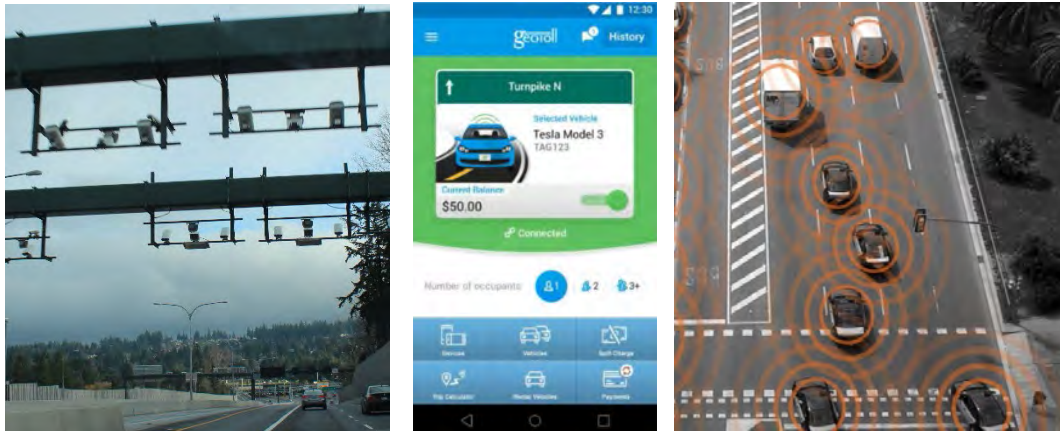


Figure 1 Overhead transponder reader antennas and ALPR cameras at a toll gantry (left), example of a toll payment app (center), connect vehicles can communicate with other connect vehicles and roadside infrastructure (right).

4. **OReGO Technologies** –OReGO currently uses devices that connect into a vehicle’s On-Board Diagnostic (OBD)-II ports to get vehicle information and odometer reads, then transmit it wirelessly back to the VMT account manager. Customers can choose between GPS enabled OBD-II device, which provide value added features, or a non-GPS version to alleviate tracking privacy concerns.

*Applies to VMT scenarios*

5. **Self-reporting** – Alternative methods are being developed for capturing odometer data from vehicles without the need of an OBD-II device, especially since some electric vehicles no longer have them. New technologies include using Odometer Image Capture (OIC), where cell apps can capture vehicle odometer reads through a picture. Other methods rely on vehicle owners manually logging mileage online periodically. These self-reporting methods are being trialed in various states that are piloting VMT programs.

*Applies to VMT scenarios*

6. **Parking Payment Systems** – Advancement in on-street and off-street parking payment technologies has improved significantly within the past decade. Mobile payment apps and smart sensors have revolutionized the ability for parking operators to dynamically price and manage parking inventory. In general, parking payment systems have largely automated how parking operators can collect payments. This growth in payment systems coupled with existing taxing ability for government entities to collect

from parking operators will allow Metro to more easily impose and collect congestion pricing fees.

*Applies to parking pricing scenarios*

## Implementation Considerations

Implementation is key to feasibility – we need to understand the implementation considerations of each technology as a way to further understand the feasibility of the four congestion pricing scenarios. In the following sections, we address the implementation of technology, enforcement, cost, policies/legal, and ease of use for the public. A summary matrix is included to assess how these implementation topics relate to Metro’s four scenarios.

1. **Technology** – Several considerations are vital to implementation of technology.
  - a. *Technology Maturity* - Deploying existing technologies will likely be less expensive to implement and reduce scheduling risks compared to deploying emerging or in-development technologies. Implementing existing technologies does need to be weighed against the risk of the technology becoming obsolete in the near future or being vulnerable to future market disruptors.
  - b. *Physical Roadside Presence* – The physical footprint of technologies will be important in urban environments where space and visual aesthetics are at premium. For instance, a typical tolling system requires overhead mounted antennas to effectively read transponders and to capture license plates would need to be installed throughout the corridors to provide effective compliance.
  - c. *Intrusiveness* – The more the technology requires the public to do something the more difficult it will be for the technology be adopted and for pricing to be applied accurately and reliably. For instance, a technology that requires customers to download an app and track mileage manually would be less effective than a technology that captures license plates and automatically sends a bill to a customer.
  - d. *Compatibility with Other Pricing Programs* – Keeping in mind coordination with other pricing programs will go a long way towards creating a more seamless customer experience for travelers. In particular, ODOT is implementing tolling on Interstates in the Portland regions so adopting common technologies and payment system may be advantageous to reduce duplicative efforts and provide savings through economies of scales. The Hop regional transit fare program and various private parking payment systems are other programs that need to be kept in mind.
2. **Equity** – Selection of particular technologies and methodologies for pricing should take into account impacts on different demographic and income groups in the region. Expensive or complex pricing methods may not only unfairly burden lower income travelers and create barriers to entry for them, but could also cause these groups to be punitively treated as violators due to their lack of access to the proper technologies. The overall customer experience from how travelers enroll, pay, and use priced facilities should also be carefully considered and steps taken to reduce undue impacts. For example, paying tolls should allow those without access to traditional banking services to be able to use alternative payment methods, such as cash payment kiosks at local stores.
3. **Enforcement** – Enforcement entails balancing revenues lost due to scofflaws, perception of enforcement effectiveness by the public, and the cost of the enforcement itself. Striving for 100% enforcement may be cost prohibitive, but not investing enough



would upset paying customers and reduce revenues. In addition some pricing methods, such as mobile apps are great for paying customers, but do nothing for catching and charging drivers without the apps. So, a layered, multiple technology approach to enforcement may be needed.

4. **Cost** – Selection of pricing scenarios and technologies should also take into consideration both the upfront capital cost of implementation and ongoing operational costs to evaluate overall lifecycle costs. Cost should also be examined in context of potential revenues raised. In addition, funding sources for capital and operational costs could also influence the pricing technology and delivery method selected. For example, the region may consider a Public Private Partnership delivery method to take advantage of private financing.
5. **Policies/Legal** – Consideration must be made for the need to secure authorization to implement any congestion pricing program, specifically the powers to impose a price and to enforce it. A more thorough legal is needed beyond these insights:
  - a. *VMT authority* – The current OReGo program’s authority is covered under ORS 319.883-.947. Privacy of customer data is also explicitly protected under ORS 319.915. However, the regulations only make VMT voluntary and does not allow imposing a mandate. Therefore, violation regulations only cover misreporting of mileage by voluntary VMT program participants.
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  - c. *Parking pricing* – The ability to raise parking fees for congestion pricing purposes is assumed to need authorization from local jurisdictions.
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**Table 1.** Ease of implementation of the four pricing scenarios under consideration

<b>Scenarios</b>	<b>Method of Pricing</b>	<b>Technology</b>	<b>Enforcement</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Policies/Legal</b>	<b>Ease of Use</b>
<b>VMT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OReGo OBDII port technologies</li> </ul>	Existing technology	Cannot enforce with out of state drivers	Need to deploy on all vehicles	Need to mandate VMT for all OR vehicles, privacy concern	Already deployed
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Self-reporting</li> </ul>	Need to develop self-reporting system	Relies on honor system, cannot enforce with out of state drivers	Cost of developing self-reporting system and ongoing administrative costs	Need to mandate VMT for all OR vehicles	Depends on complexity and frequency of self-reporting
<b>Cordon Pricing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tolling technology</li> </ul>	Existing technology	Pursuit registered owner with license plate	Upfront construction costs	Need tolling authority	Requires setting up toll accounts
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mobile apps</li> </ul>	Existing technology	Needs to be coupled with roadside enforcement	Minimal development costs, operational costs depend on enforcement approach	Need tolling authority, privacy concerns	Minimal effort to download and sign up
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<b>Parking Pricing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raise prices using existing paid parking systems</li> </ul>	Existing technology	Using existing means of parking enforcement	Mainly administrative costs	Leverage existing parking fee/taxation frameworks	No change in paying method
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	<b>Legend:</b>	<b>Easy</b>	<b>Moderate</b>	<b>Difficult</b>		

## Cost and Revenue Considerations

The cost estimation of a congestion pricing scenario is dependent on which method of applying pricing is employed. The first component of cost estimation, Capital Expenditures (CapEx), entails the cost to initially implement a scenario’s method of pricing. CapEx is heavily influenced by the maturity of technology available, the ability to leverage an existing pricing program (i.e. ODOT’s OReGo Road User Charging), and the physical footprint of equipment that needs to be deployed. The second component of cost estimation is Operational Expenditure (OpEx), the ongoing cost to administer and maintain the scenario’s method of pricing. OpEx is dependent on the ability to leverage an existing pricing program if available, the cost of handling transactions, and the volume of transactions generated.

Therefore, cost estimations range considerably for the congestion pricing scenarios and their specific methods of pricing. The following is a summary of scenarios from the least expensive to the most expensive.

- **Parking Pricing** – Least expensive to deploy and operate since it can readily leverage existing priced parking technology in use. As long as the congesting parking rates structures are simple and not dynamically set, most of the cost will be staffing to ensure fees are correctly administered and collected. Although costs are low, it is also a scenario with low revenue potential as well.
- **VMT** – Moderately costly, the VMT scenario benefits from the ability to build on Oregon DOT’s existing OReGO road user charge program. Technology and administration has already been deployed to collect fees and that technology could be scaled up to expand VMT to the entire region. The main cost for VMT is equipping vehicles and administering the program.
- **Cordon Pricing** – Depending on the method of tolling and enforcement employed, cordon pricing can range from moderately expensive to most expensive. On the lower end of the cost scale is deploying app-based technology with selective enforcement, which could lower equipment CapEx, but results in lower potential revenues and reduce pricing’s effectiveness. On the other hand, a robust implementation of tolling equipment around the cordon’s boundary would reduce revenue leakage, but significantly raise construction and operational costs.
- **Roadways** – Tolling of the Portland’s throughway network will be the most expensive due to the network’s extensive geographical footprint. Even by selecting technologies to make it easier for customers to pay a toll, such as mobile apps, and with a minimal number of toll gantries needed for enforcement, roadway pricing will be costly to construct and will generate vast number of transactions to process.

Scenarios	Method of Pricing	CapEx	OpEx	Revenue Potential
<b>VMT</b>	• OReGo OBDII port technologies	<b>Moderately Expensive</b>	<b>Moderately Expensive</b>	<b>\$\$\$\$</b>
	• Self-reporting	<b>Moderately Expensive</b>	<b>Most Expensive</b>	
<b>Cordon Pricing</b>	• Tolling technology	<b>Most Expensive</b>	<b>Moderately Expensive</b>	<b>\$</b>
	• Mobile apps	<b>Least Expensive</b>	<b>Moderately Expensive</b>	

	• Connected vehicles	<b>Most Expensive</b>	<b>Moderately Expensive</b>	
<b>Parking Pricing</b>	• Raise prices using existing paid parking systems	<b>Least Expensive</b>	<b>Least Expensive</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Roadway Pricing</b>	• Tolling technology	<b>Most Expensive</b>	<b>Most Expensive</b>	<b>\$\$</b>
	• Mobile apps	<b>Most Expensive</b>	<b>Most Expensive</b>	
	• Connected vehicles	<b>Most Expensive</b>	<b>Most Expensive</b>	

**Legend:**

<b>Least Expensive</b>	<b>Moderately Expensive</b>	<b>Most Expensive</b>
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The following section provides a more detailed explanation of each pricing scenario’s method of pricing.

- **VMT OReGo/OBDII** – Leveraging and expanding ODOT’s OReGO road user charge program, the CapEx would entail expanding agency and vendor systems to support administering the program and equipping vehicles with on-board units (OBU) connected to vehicle OBDII ports to collect mileage information. OpEx includes cost for processing the millions of transactions, managing and supporting customer accounts, and program oversight
- **VMT OReGo/Self-Reporting** – Also assuming the OReGo program can be utilized, the CapEx would entail expanding agency and vendor systems to support administering the program and equipping stations and technologies to verify driver self-reported mileage. OpEx includes more substantial cost for processing the millions of transactions, managing and supporting customer accounts, and program oversight.
- **Cordon Pricing Tolling Technology** – Without an existing toll program to utilize, the CapEx to equip 40 to 63 potential intersections with tolling equipment to capture vehicles entering the Zone and developing a new system to support transaction processing and customer support would be relatively expensive. OpEx includes more substantial cost for processing transactions (including cost to manually review license plates of violators), managing and supporting customer accounts, and program oversight.
- **Cordon Pricing Mobile Apps** – Without an existing toll program to utilize, the CapEx would need to develop a new system to support transaction processing and customer support. Although a mobile app-based approach would significantly reduce the need to install tolling equipment at all intersections on the cordon’s boundary, tolling equipment for enforcement at key intersections would be highly recommended. OpEx includes more significant cost for in-road enforcement, processing transactions, managing and supporting customer accounts, and program oversight. Implementation and operational cost savings would potential be offset by losses in revenues from less effective enforcement of toll payments.
- **Cordon Pricing Connected Vehicles** – Auto manufacturers are increasingly equipping their vehicle model ranges with vehicle-to-vehicle and vehicle-to-roadside communication capabilities. The Society of Automotive Engineering (SAE) is working with Original Equipment Manufactures on tolling standards for connected vehicles to be adopted this year. Therefore, connected vehicles can potentially reduce the need to deploy as much roadside tolling equipment thus reducing those associated CapEx costs. However, any CapEx cost savings from

reduction in tolling roadside equipment would be offset in the near term by significantly higher cost to develop connected tolling technologies and to support vehicles without the latest connected technology. OpEx includes more substantial cost for processing transactions, managing and supporting customer accounts, and program oversight.

- **Parking Pricing** – Since public paid parking programs are being utilized for congestion pricing, CapEx cost would be limited to altering existing systems to support the added congestion fee. OpEx would likewise be limited to accounting for the congestion fees collected alongside parking fees already being processed. Although costs are low, revenue from parking pricing is also likely to be low.
- **Roadway Pricing Tolling** – Without an existing toll program to utilize, the CapEx to equip all of Portland’s 235 center lane miles of throughways with tolling equipment and developing a new system to support transaction processing and customer support would be significantly expensive and the first in the United States for a metro region. Toll gantries spanning all highway lanes would need to be spaced at regular intervals to capture all vehicles. Some cost savings could be obtained by strategically locating toll gantries at highest volume/congested locations, but this would reduce revenue, pricing’s effectiveness to manage traffic, and create public perception that pricing is not applied/enforced consistently. OpEx includes more significant cost for processing millions of transactions (including cost to manually review license plates of violators), managing and supporting customer accounts, and program oversight.
- **Roadway Mobile App** – Similar to the cordon pricing mobile-app approach, mobile app-based tolling could reduce the amount of roadside tolling equipment needed; however, given Portland’s vast throughway network and need to deploy toll gantries to enforce payment of vehicles that do not have the payment apps, any cost savings would likely be offset by revenue loss from less effective payment enforcement. OpEx includes more significant costs for processing millions of transactions, managing and supporting customer accounts, and program oversight.
- **Roadway Pricing Connected Vehicles** – Similar to the cordon pricing connected vehicle approach, connected vehicle for roadway tolling could revolutionize tolling field equipment needs; however, connected vehicle technologies is not mature enough, nor widely available in the region’s fleet of vehicle to currently make it a viable, cost-effective solution. CapEx to develop the technology and equipment vehicles are significant. OpEx includes more significant cost for processing millions of transactions, managing and supporting customer accounts, and program oversight.

## Summary

The ease of implementation summarized in Table 1 presents a high-level screening which takes into account broad issues. As Metro fine tunes pricing scenarios, implementation details will also become more clear and solutions refined. Key insights of implementation at this stage:

1. **Parking pricing** is the easiest to implement since it leverages existing infrastructure and processes to introduce congestion pricing.
2. **Cordon pricing** can leverage state of the art tolling and enforcement technologies, making implementation moderate.

3. Although **roadway pricing** can leverage tolling methods, enforcement of tolling on major arterial roads could be cost prohibitive, reflecting why arterial tolling is not typically done.
4. **VMT** has the OReGO program it can build upon, but a major implementation barrier is enforcement and mandating vehicles to participate.

A pilot phase might make sense for the Portland region to trial one or more technologies before scaling up to a region-wide system.



## **APPENDIX B: SUMMARY OF THE EXPERT REVIEW PANEL EFFORT**

# METRO'S REGIONAL CONGESTION PRICING STUDY – CONGESTION PRICING EXPERT REVIEW PANEL

## Summary Materials (Guide)

On April 22, 2021 Metro hosted an expert review panel made up of congestion pricing experts with diverse expertise in North America and Europe to provide input on the Regional Congestion Pricing Study methods and findings and to provide lessons learned from their experience elsewhere to policy makers and project implementers.

The full video recording has been provided on Metro's Regional Congestion Pricing Study website: <https://www.oregonmetro.gov/regional-congestion-pricing-study>

The following documents are intended to capture the information from the meeting and provide an easy guide for those interested in understanding who participated and what was learned. The following materials are attached.

1. Agenda with time stamps for the discussion
2. Meeting summaries
  - a. High level summary – minutes
  - b. More detailed summary from Nelson\Nygaard
3. A detailed list of attendees
4. List of questions that were posted in the Question and Answer

# METRO CONGESTION PRICING STUDY

## Expert Review Panel – Recording Guide

For a link to the Expert Review Panel, go to:

<https://www.oregonmetro.gov/events/regional-congestion-pricing-study-expert-review-panel/2021-04-22>

### Welcome and Introductions

- **Timestamp 0:1:23:** Jennifer Wieland, Nelson\Nygaard, begins the webinar
- **Timestamp 0:5:00:** Council President Lynn Peterson sets the stage
- **Timestamp 0:8:00:** Elizabeth Mros O'Hara from Metro provides an overview of the Metro Congestion Pricing Project
- **Timestamp 0:21:28:** Panelists begin introductions and provide an overview of their congestion pricing experience around the world

### Expert Review Panel Discussion

Jennifer Wieland begins a facilitated discussion with the Expert Review Panelists. The questions that the panelists answered are noted below.

- **Timestamp 41:45** Based on your experiences, did anything surprise you about our findings? Did any of the findings really resonate with you or align with what you've seen in other cities? And was there anything you expected to see but didn't encounter in our results?
- **Timestamp 01:10:00:** How have you approached setting priorities for revenue reinvestment? In your experience, what is the typical decision-making process that goes into allocating revenues raised by congestion pricing? Are there restrictions on how funds are used in the jurisdictions where you work? Who decides?
- **Timestamp 01:27:20:** Are there ways you have framed the messaging around congestion pricing for different audiences, beyond talking about congestion reduction (e.g., equity, economic development, quality of life, travel time savings or reliability)? How have you worked with businesses to explain potential benefits and impacts? What about BIPOC or low-income communities?

### Metro Council/JPACT Discussion

Next, Metro Council and JPACT members asked questions of the panelists.

- **Timestamp 01:40:30** Council President Lynn Peterson: What's the best example of a clear purpose and need and how did they achieve consensus?

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- **Timestamp 01:47:42** County Commissioner Paul Savas: What measures do you use to measure economic benefits (commerce and business)? How do you invest in suburban areas?
- **Timestamp 01:56:40:** How do we think about COVID in terms of travel behavior?
- **Timestamp 02:03:32** Metro Councilor Christine Lewis: From an academic perspective, how do you prevent diversion?
- **Timestamp 02:09:35** Mayor Steve Callaway: What mitigation strategies can be used to avoid equity and safety implications of diversion?

## Expert Review Panel Final Thoughts & Closing

- **Timestamp 02:16:20:** Each panelist was asked to give their closing remarks.

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Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021  
Time: 7:30 am – 10:00 am  
Place: Zoom

## **HIGH-LEVEL SUMMARY / MINUTES**

### **7:30-8:05 Welcome and Introduction**

During the Expert Review Panel no decisions were made.

Metro Staff Elizabeth Mros-O'Hara provided an overview of Metro's Regional Congestion Pricing Study.

Panelists introduced themselves and briefly shared some of the congestion pricing work they are doing across the world.

### **8:05-9:05 Expert Review Panel Discussion**

Many of the panelists noted that the results of the study were very similar to what they have seen in other cities they have worked in. In some panelists' experience, there are longer term effects that could be taken into consideration, like diversion decreasing over time and reinvestment of revenues to improve performance benefits.

It was emphasized that the best way to achieve equity is using a multi modal approach so that people have options. It is also important to think about how land use and housing policies affects transportation. Reducing auto use and vehicle miles traveled requires density around transit.

Mr. Firth made the point that it is important that the money raised from congestion pricing to be put towards the goals of the program. Another major point was that there are much better ways of raising revenue than congestion pricing.

In order to see a noticeable reduction in congestion there only needs to be about 5 to 10 percent fewer people on the road. Engagement is key for framing the discussion when bringing congestion pricing to the public. People seeing the results of congestion pricing often leads to more support for it.

### **9:05-9:10 Break**

### **9:10-9:40 Metro Council/JPACT Discussion**

Council President Lynn Peterson asked for a clear example of a region that created a program with very clear goals and how they achieved consensus around it.

Mr. Schwartz gave the example of New York as a system he would not have designed where the clear goal was to raise revenue.

Mr. Firth gave the example of London where the focus was very concentrated on congestion. There was agreement that congestion was the problem, even if congestion pricing was not initially seen as the solution.

Mr. Tomlinson agreed that defining the problem and getting people to understand it is important. He also emphasized engaging with many different groups.

Commissioner Paul Savas asked about investment in rural and suburban areas and what measures have been used to understand economic impacts of a transit system.

Ms. Cabansagan acknowledged that it is a new area for many to understand what it means to move people in suburban and rural areas. She stated there needs to be more investment in these areas and that it is also an opportunity to rethink transit systems as a whole.

Mr. Tomlinson noted that two strategies being used in the Atlanta are identifying new locations for park and ride lots near highways and discounting rideshares that started or ended at a transit point.

Ms. Hiatt listed measures used for understanding economic impact like hotel vacancy rates, sales taxes, and office vacancy rates.

Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal asked about the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on travel behavior.

Mr. Schwartz noted that people have been avoiding transit more during the pandemic. Nationally more people are driving than before and using less transit.

Mr. Firth agreed with Mr. Schwartz about what travel behavior looks like. Further, the impacts of the pandemic are highly unpredictable which makes a flexible tool like congestion pricing useful.

Councilor Christine Lewis expressed interest in equalizing pricing on all paths and asked where that stops.

Being able to understand what happens at multiple levels is important for deciding where to draw the line on pricing. The more localized level is important to understand the benefits and impacts of making that decision.

Mayor Steve Callaway asked what modeling level was being used and mitigation strategies to address unintended consequences in terms of equity.

A macroscopic approach was used. Mr. Schwartz described some of the challenges of addressing diversion from people trying to avoid tolls by using non-tolled streets in the city. Another factor is whether pricing is on an entire corridor or just a few lanes.

### **9:40-10:00 Expert Review Panel Final Thoughts & Closing**

Pricing is a flexible tool that can be implanted differently in different contexts and to address different needs. The importance of revenue reinvestment as part of program design. Next steps



should also include thinking about who is impacted and the importance of a multi-modal approach. Personalizing benefits so that people can better understand congestion pricing.

Advice for Metro included having very clear goals to try and achieve, acknowledging this is a part of a much larger regional plan, understanding and addressing how populations are disproportionately impacted by congestion pricing, understanding microtransit potential, bringing in stakeholders, and being careful about exemptions and discounts.

**Adjourn at 10:00 AM**

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## Expert Review Panel – Meeting Notes

**When:** April 22, 2021, 7:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Pacific

**Where:** Zoom

### Welcome and Introduction

Jennifer Wieland from Nelson\Nygaard welcomed everyone to provide an overview of the panel. Jennifer introduced Metro Council President, Lynn Peterson, who set the stage. President Peterson emphasized that this project highlights Metro's commitment to learning and exploration and a recognition that the region can't build itself out of congestion. She also highlighted Metro's commitment to bring a climate change and racial equity lens to all its work. Elizabeth Mros-O'Hara from Metro followed by giving a short presentation on the project. Jennifer then invited each panelist to introduce themselves.

### Expert Review Panel Discussion

Jennifer facilitated a discussion with the Expert Review Panel. The questions and associated response of each panelist are documented below.

**Based on your experiences, did anything surprise you about our findings? Did any of the findings really resonate with you or align with what you've seen in other cities? And was there anything you expected to see but didn't encounter in our results?**

- Chris Tomlinson: Chris noted that the road pricing seemed to deliver a lot of results and minimized tradeoffs. He was surprised at the high level of diversion anticipated on non-tolled arterials. Diversion was experienced initially in Georgia, but it dissipated over time. The study can't predict how long that diversion would happen. Diversion may be shorter term impact. He emphasized that over time people get used to pricing.
- Rachel Hiatt: Rachel applauded Metro's approach to look at range of options. She felt that the results weren't surprising and were similar to findings in the Bay Area. For the Bay Area, parking pricing has diminishing returns because they've done so much already. She thought the demonstration of relative effects of different types of strategies was good. The next phase of this study should be to tackle the reinvestment of revenues. Demonstrating the reinvestment potential will add to the performance/benefits of the study and help demonstrate the magnitude of benefits from a pricing program. As a next step, Metro should do a targeted deeper dive into which travel markets are affected and the distribution of benefits and impacts. A targeted revenue reinvestment and targeted fee structure to optimize the distribution of benefits will demonstrate the full spectrum of

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benefits of a pricing program. San Francisco has been able to incorporate the revenue reinvestment and look at how discounts and gradations in the fee structure can make a program more equitable and reduce negative effects.

- Daniel Firth: In London, the operators were pleased because their reliability was improved. We know pricing works. The challenge is how to make it fair and acceptable to people. There is a need for a detailed study to prove out concepts.
- Clarissa Cabansagan: Clarissa emphasized the need to put investments back into other modes. We need to incrementally get people used to the idea of pricing and fully understand the challenges for low income people (driving, transit, shared mobility). Need to study those who spend over 50% on transportation. H+T is real indicator to look for. The most important aspect to think about are the people that need access. We can manage congestion and auto throughput; but need to reduce auto ownership. How can Portland as a region encourage people to not own cars? Densify transit and consider land use. People want cash on their transit card. Subsidize the alternatives to driving.
- Sam Schwarz: Some low income people may be impacted, but the NY ratio was 38:1. The solution was to provide subsidized transit as a key part of pricing. Have these systems in place before programs are enacted.

**How have you approached setting priorities for revenue reinvestment? In your experience, what is the typical decision-making process that goes into allocating revenues raised by congestion pricing? Are there restrictions on how funds are used in the jurisdictions where you work? Who decides?**

- Daniel Firth: The single most important factor is to decide what to do with the revenue. Revenue generation shouldn't be the only reason you implement a pricing program. It also needs to be about congestion reduction, equity, and other community goals. Ask yourselves three questions:
  - What is the purpose? Why are you doing congestion pricing in the first place? Align revenue reinvestment to those goals.
  - Use equity as a lens to reinvest.
  - Use revenues to build acceptance by the people who are paying. London spent money on quick wins: bike paths (branded), sidewalks, new buses Stockholm spent money on heavy infrastructure approach, which was disconnected with what people are paying for; they couldn't see the benefits
- Rachel Hiatt: Co design/co creation process is important. Use it to help shape goals, metrics and what defines success. Ask people to help shape the policy options and use those to make decisions.
- Chris Tomlinson: The connection between pricing and transit can be hard. Funding at the federal level is also segregated. Take revenue to subsidize ongoing operations and maintenance of transit. Freight and logistics study committee is being formed. Can we design programs to accommodate a growing delivery culture?

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- Clarissa Cabansagan: We can't mitigate our way out of an inequitable pricing program. Holidays with 5% less people on the road makes for free-flowing traffic. Are we aiming for free flowing traffic? Are we aiming to provide more options? Who is 5% that we need to shift? And how? Vanpools? Employer shuttles? Incentivizing transit? Last mile to the destination is often underfunded. Find key employment hubs that need last mile connection. Small investments for big return.

**Are there ways you have framed the messaging around congestion pricing for different audiences, beyond talking about congestion reduction (e.g., equity, economic development, quality of life, travel time savings or reliability)? How have you worked with businesses to explain potential benefits and impacts? What about BIPOC or low-income communities?**

- Sam Schwartz: Advocates and government were all talking to each other in NY. Framing it as "drivers pay" is a challenge. Need engagement to hear what people have to say.
- Daniel Firth: People ask, "What's in it for me?" Illustrate that a small change makes a big difference in people's lives. A 5% reduction on holidays feels like a 50% reduction. Find what options are needed to affect the 5%. Focus on reliability and predictability. Understand it's ok to not have full support off the bat. You need the demonstrated results to build the case.

## Metro Council/JPACT Discussion

Metro Council and JPACT members asked questions of the panelists.

- Lynn Peterson: What's the best example of a clear purpose and need and how did they achieve consensus?
  - Sam Schwartz: NY's clear purpose was to raise revenue for transit (\$1 billion a year or \$15 billion total). Exemptions were the biggest hurdle. List of extensions extend beyond just disabled and low income.
  - Daniel Firth: London's focus was on congestion. Within the city, it was clear that congestion was a very big problem.
  - Chris Tomlinson: Atlanta framed it around growth. "The entire population of Metro Denver" will be added to the region. \$11 billion capital program needed. Then focused on outcomes. Came up with analogies that non-transportation experts would be able to relate to. Go everywhere you can. Home owner's associations, stakeholders across the board.
- Paul Savas: Diversion impacts are less if there are transportation options. His county has transit deserts. What measures do you use to measure economic benefits (commerce and business)? How do you invest in suburban areas?

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- Clarissa Cabansagan: TransForm is exploring how to retrofit the suburbs. Exploring opportunities to expand bike access in the suburbs. In light of the pandemic, transit agencies have pushed back service. How do you reinstate service to people in suburbs who used to live in the city? Need to double down on suburban and rural areas. Explore microtransit and clean mobility options.
- Chris Tomlinson: In the suburbs, the last mile is the last five miles. Need to strategically try to identify locations for park-and-rides as close to highway entrances as possible. Did a pilot project with Uber/Lyft if a ride started or ended at a transit station, it would be subsidized.
- Rachel Hiatt: SF studied the impacts to commerce and business economy. We want to bring the same number of people traveling to downtown. Want to see a shift in mode or time of day. Indicators include sales tax revenue, tourism metrics (hotel vacancy rates), trends in office vacancy, unemployment trends.
- How do we think about COVID in terms of travel behavior?
  - Sam Schwartz: People have been shying away from transit. September study suggests no transmission on transit if people are masked. Nationally, transit is 20-60% of normal volumes; car volumes are in the 90% of normal. More people are driving.
  - Daniel Firth: Medium term impacts of the pandemic are unpredictable. Need flexible tools to respond to unknowns; congestion pricing is one of those flexible tools. Pricing can be adjusted. More lanes on highways are not flexible.
  - Rachel Hiatt: Trying to understand post COVID trips through their model. A wide range of recovery could unfold. The key is uncertainty. Higher congestion could prevail. Working from home, transit avoidance, delays, are all being looked at related to the future of work and congestion.
- Christine Lewis: Equalizing all paths along a corridor. But at what point do you stop? From an academic perspective, how do you prevent diversion? VMT model instead of a corridor model?
  - Chris Tomlinson: Looking at what Virginia has done to provide commuter credits. But they haven't implemented discounts in Georgia yet because 70% of users are occasional users – three times a week or less. These aren't "Lexus lanes" – they're actually "Honda Accord lanes." The occasional use is common.
  - Daniel Firth: This study needs to look at lots of different scales – the regional and local scale. Zooming in and out shows different levels of

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impact. The Portland study primarily looks at the regional scale. Distance based charging at a regional scale performs really well, but it's harder to predict the burdens and benefits at the local level.

- Steven Callaway: What modeling has been used? Was it macroscopic or mesoscopic? Worried about unintended consequences to increase the inequities. If we toll all the roads on the freeway, I'm concerned about people using the local roads instead. Concerned about equity and safety implications of diversion. What mitigation strategies can be used?
  - o Sam Schwartz: NY sees these diversion problems – air quality and safety problems are worse on city streets. It's counterintuitive to toll freeways through urban areas and not charge the urban streets. Strategies: slow streets, limit cars, diagonal diverters.
  - o Chris Tomlinson: It comes back to if your pricing study does a whole corridor or specific lanes. There's another set of issues that comes with pricing interstates. If you have highway options that give you some lanes that are tolled and some lanes that aren't, that has a dramatic impact on arterials.

## Expert Review Panel Final Thoughts & Closing

Jennifer concluded the discussion by asking the panelists to draw together a few key themes from the conversation. She began by summarizing a few key themes from the conversation:

- The importance of pricing as a flexible tool to meet the region's goals.
- The need to create options and a multimodal system to complement a pricing program.
- The importance of revenue reinvestment as a part of program design to create an equitable program.
- Explore the ways to link land use and housing to congestion pricing.
- A focus on how do we communicate the benefits at both an individual and regional level.

Jennifer then handed it over to the panelists to provide their final closing comments.

- Daniel Firth: This is a difficult topic; it will take time. Decide what you want to achieve. Be clear about goal(s) and then design a program that helps you reach them. This is only one part of the program of things the region needs to do. Childcare, affordable housing, and so many other topics are interwoven into the region's strategy.
- Clarissa Cabansagan: Don't just see travel costs in the aggregate. Directly solve for transportation needs of the people you want to shift. What can we do on



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transit and prioritizing transit that we should be doing anyways and how can a congestion pricing program support that?

- Sam Schwartz: Take the next step; you have evidence that it's worth pursuing. Do it! Spend time with your likely opponents.
- Rachel Hiatt: This was technical study – to know whether there's merit to move forward. Now it's the time to launch the stakeholder engagement component.
- Chris Tomlinson: Be careful of exemptions; think through carefully. Gamify and get people interested. How can mobile phones complement what you implement?

Elizabeth Mrs O'Hara concluded the meeting with an overview of next steps:

- Incorporate findings
- Document areas of concern
- Wrap up report this summer
- Create resolution for JPACT and Metro Council to accept the findings

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Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021

Time: 7:30 am – 10:00 am

Place: Zoom

**ATTENDEES**

**Panelists:** Chris Tomlinson, Clarrissa Cabansagan, Daniel Firth, Rachel Hiatt, Sam Schwartz, Jennifer Wieland (moderator)

**Metro Councilors:** Lynn Peterson, Bob Stacey, Christine Lewis, Gerritt Rosenthal, Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Mary Nolan, Shirley Craddick

**JPACT Members and Alternates:** Carley Francis, Curtis Robinhold, Jamie Kranz, JC Vannatta, Kathy Hyzy, Mark Shull, Nafisa Fai, Paul Savas, Scott Langer, Steve Callaway, Ty Stober

**Others:** Aaron Deas, Adam Argo, Alex Bettinardi, Alex Oreschak, Ally Holmqvist, Andrew Plambeck, Andy Cotugno, Andy Shaw, Anna Dearman, Anne Debbaut, Anneliese Koehler, Anthony Martin, Art Pearce, Becky Steckler, Ben Haines, Bill Holmstrom, Bob Hart, Bob Kellett, Bradley Perkins, Brendan Finn, Brett Morgan, Brie Becker, Caleb Winter, Carrie Leonard, Casey Liles, Cheryl Twete, Choya Renata, Chris Johnson, Chris Neamtzu, Chris Smith, Christina Deffebach, Craig Beebe, Daniel Eisenbeis, Dave Roth, David Aulwes, Derek Bradley, Don Odermott, Dwight Brashear, Elizabeth Mros-O'Hara, Emily Cline, Emma Sagor, Eric Hesse, Erin Doyle, Garet Prior, Gillian Garber-Yonts, Glen Bolen, Gordon Howard, Greg Dirks, Gregg Snyder, Gwenn Baldwin, Heather Wills, Jaimie Huff, Jamie Snook, Jane Stackhouse, Jason Gibbens, Jean Senechal Biggs, Jeanna Troha, Jeb Doran, Jeff Owen, Jeffrey Raker, Jennifer Dill, Jennifer Donnelly, Jennifer John, Jessica Berry, Jessica Martin, Jessica Stanton, John MacArthur, Joseph Iacobucci, Josh Channell, Karen Buehrig, Kari Schlosshauer, Kate Freitag, Kate Lyman, Kate Sargent, Katherine Kelly, Kathy Fitzpatrick, Kelsey Lewis, Kevin Young, Khoi Le, Kim Ellis, Lisa Hunrichs, Lori Stegmann, Lucinda Broussard, Lynda David, Maggie Derk, Malu Wilkinson, Mandy Putney, Margi Bradway, Marie Dodds, Mark Gamba, Mat Dolata, Matt Bihn, Matt Freitag, Matt Ransom, Michael Espinoza, Mike Bezner, Mike Bomar, Mike Coleman, Mike Mason, Mike McCarthy, Mona Schwartz, Nancy Kraushaar, Nathaniel Price, Naveen Abdulghani, Nick Fortey, Oregon Walks, Patrick Sweeney, Peter Hurley, Rachael Tupica, Rachel Dawson, Ramona Perrault, Randy Tucker, Rebecca Small, Rich Peppers, Robyn Stowers, Roseann O'Laughlin, Roxy Mayer, Sara Wright, Sarah Iannarone, Scott Turnoy, Shaneka Owens, Shannon Walton-Clark, Shoshana Cohen, Shreya Jain, Sorin Garber, Stacy Cowan, Stephen Roberts, Stephen Williams, Steve Kelley, Ted Reid, Theresa Carr, Timothy Rogers, Tom Goldstein, Tom Mills, Tova Peltz, Vee Paykar, Victor Sin, Vivian Satterfield, Will Farley, Yuliya Lee

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### **Questions from RCPS Expert Review Panel webinar**

The below questions were submitted using Zoom's Q&A function during the webinar. These questions were generally answered by panelists as part of the discussion. Please refer to the video recording of the panel for more information.

#### **Alex Bettinardi**

VMT charges seem to be the best option – at least that's what I saw in the report, but that doesn't seem to align with Metro's congestion pricing definition and desire for the public to see the charge (VMT charging is easier to fall into the background). I'm hoping you can address how each option would align with the definition/design hope that travelers see and feel the change (charge?)

#### **Anonymous Attendee**

Could panelists please address how transport or cargo (trucking, rail) factors into congestion planning scenarios?

#### **Jeff Owen – TriMet**

As transit is such a key piece to the multimodal picture regarding options when implementing congestion pricing – How do you account for the financing needed to run extra (or more) transit service on day 1 when the charging begins? (So that there are alternatives in place as soon as the charging begins?)

#### **Sorin Garber**

Can any of the panelists provide insight about the kind of engagement about congestion pricing that has worked well with the public and what type was not successful.

#### **Anonymous Attendee**

So far, it doesn't sound like Transport electrification (charging stations, EV-ready infrastructure) isn't integrated very much into cities' congestion pricing plans, despite the GHG reduction goals – mostly being dealt with by reducing VMT, presumably. Is electrification just on a different track? Missed opportunities?

#### **Peter Hurley, City of Portland**

A critical issue to successfully designing and implementing congestion pricing is governance. Highway agencies shown little interest in investing substantially in transit, bike, and ped facilities and subsidies. What are panelists' thoughts on how to create, or shift to, a truly multimodal governance structure for congestion pricing in the Portland region? I'm especially interested in the Atlanta and SF models.

#### **Anonymous Attendee**

I'm interested in Chris' comment about how diversion dropped off after people adjusted in the Atlanta area – does he have any data to support that? The tolling programs on 205 seem likely to create a lot of diversion, without the authority to toll the whole area, like Sam suggested.

**Jane Stackhouse MCAT**

ODOT seems to have a plan for tolling to raise money for more roads and bridges. How can we interest ODOT in working with METRO to put the focus on congestion pricing before building more lanes to see if it reduces congestion?

**Stephen Williams**

Panelists – What is the best way to determine the geographic extent of the area in which congestion pricing is applied?

**Anonymous Attendee**

State legislators and the Oregon Transportation Commission are set on tolling to raise revenue in order to widen the region's highways. This has become a political issue that appears to be going off the edge of a cliff. What is your advice to pull this back before it's too late?

**Anonymous Attendee**

Greater Portland is considering two freeway expansions right now – the Rose Quarter expansion and the I-5 crossing over the Columbia River, a bridge replacement that adds many additional travel lanes. It's been touched on, but I wonder if the panelists could address this directly – what is their advice to our leadership on the timing of these expansions vs implementing congestion pricing?

**Caleb Winter**

What is a typical budget for mitigations to add mobility options to supplement travel in a priced corridor? What regions exemplify good policy to reinvest in both in the priced corridor and region-wide needs?

**Oregon Walks**

In terms of active transportation, I believe there should be strong push to make pedestrian infrastructure age friendly, to take care of our most vulnerable users (Communities of color, seniors, youth, and people with physical and mental disabilities). How can we tie tolling back to building out this infrastructure in communities where it does not exist?

**Jessica Stanton**

Fabulous discussion Will you be creating a summary or providing a recording of the event? Thank you to your panelists, facilitator and Metro for this brilliant work.



Response: Yes, the meeting is being recorded and will be posted online afterward.

# APPENDIX C: 2027 FINANCIALLY CONSTRAINED BASELINE ASSUMPTIONS

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## 2027 Financially Constrained Network Land Use and Project Assumptions

- Assumes growth. The population and employment growth is a straight line interpolation from the base year (2015) to 2040.
- Assumes projects that may or may not be built before 2027. These include some major freeway widening, and a new LRT line. The 2027 Constrained Network includes around \$7 billion in new capital projects and about \$12 billion in operations and maintenance. Transit investments (primarily increasing frequency of existing services) increase total regional transit revenue hours by ~25% over today.
- Does not include ODOT tolling on I-5 and/or I-205 that is being explored by that agency.
- Does not include the Columbia River Crossing project (light rail, new bridge, freeway, and tolling)

2027 Constrained – Baseline for RCPS	
<p><b>Throughways</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I-5 Rose Quarter</li> <li>• I-5 south and I-205 operational improvements</li> <li>• OR 217 NB and SB auxiliary lanes</li> <li>• I-205 auxiliary lane (in Portland)</li> <li>• I-205 SB widening to three lanes in each direction</li> <li>• I-205/Abernethy Bridge widening</li> <li>• OR 224 widening (third WB lane)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Transit</b></p> 	<p><b>High-Capacity Transit</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Southwest Corridor Project</li> <li>• Division Transit Project</li> <li>• Red Line Improvements Project</li> <li>• Central City Transit Capacity Analysis</li> </ul> <p><b>Enhanced transit concept - hotspots</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Streetcar upgrades on Grand Avenue in Portland</li> <li>• Central City Portals (downtown Portland bridges)</li> <li>• 82nd Avenue ETC (NE Killingsworth Street to SE Clatsop Street)</li> <li>• Powell Boulevard ETC (SE Portland to I-205)</li> </ul>



	<p><b>Enhanced transit concept - corridors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 122nd Avenue ETC (Lents to Parkrose transit center)</li> <li>• Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd ETC (Portland Central City to N Vancouver Blvd)</li> <li>• Sandy Boulevard ETC (Portland Central City to Parkrose TC)</li> <li>• 82nd Avenue ETC (Swan Island to Clackamas town center)</li> <li>• Hawthorne Blvd/Foster Road ETC (downtown Portland to Lents town center)</li> <li>• Streetcar to Montgomery Park in NW Portland</li> </ul> <p><b>Significant increases in frequency of transit service</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total regional transit revenue hours increased ~25% over 2015.</li> </ul>
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Note: ETC investments are identified on existing and planned frequent service bus routes and will be further defined through the Enhanced Transit Concept (ETC) Pilot Program

## **APPENDIX D: ADDITIONAL FIGURES AND TABLES INCLUDED IN THE MODELING ANALYSIS**

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**7. CHANGE IN TOTAL TRAVEL COST MAPS**

**8. BIVARIATE MAPS: CHANGE IN ACCESSIBILITY TO JOBS BY AUTO AND CHANGE IN TOTAL TRAVEL COST**

## **APPENDIX D.1: MODEL DATA SUMMARY**

**Congestion**

2. multi-modal VMT - MPA	Base	VMT B	VMT C	COR A	COR B	PARK A	PARK B	RD A	RD B
Daily miles traveled	47,956,011	47,040,752	46,247,547	47,723,162	47,687,878	48,000,843	48,136,259	47,429,757	46,632,061
Daily vehicle miles traveled	32,555,812	31,259,360	30,093,933	31,932,333	31,772,862	32,286,442	31,735,890	31,374,156	30,568,603
Daily transit miles traveled	3,601,681	3,725,646	3,906,796	3,836,302	3,894,732	3,747,961	4,215,661	3,769,916	3,884,867

MPA - CHANGE FROM BASE	VMT B	VMT C	COR A	COR B	PARK A	PARK B	RD A	RD B	
Daily miles traveled		-915,259	-1,708,464	-232,849	-268,133	44,832	180,248	-526,254	-1,323,950
Daily vehicle miles traveled		-1,296,452	-2,461,879	-623,479	-782,950	-269,370	-819,922	-1,181,656	-1,987,209
Daily transit miles traveled		123,965	305,115	234,621	293,051	146,280	613,980	168,235	283,186

MPA - CHANGE FROM BASE	VMT B	VMT C	COR A	COR B	PARK A	PARK B	RD A	RD B	
Daily miles traveled		-1.91%	-3.56%	-0.49%	-0.56%	0.09%	0.38%	-1.10%	-2.76%
Daily vehicle miles traveled		-3.98%	-7.56%	-1.92%	-2.40%	-0.83%	-2.52%	-3.63%	-6.10%
Daily transit miles traveled		3.44%	8.47%	6.51%	8.14%	4.06%	17.05%	4.67%	7.86%

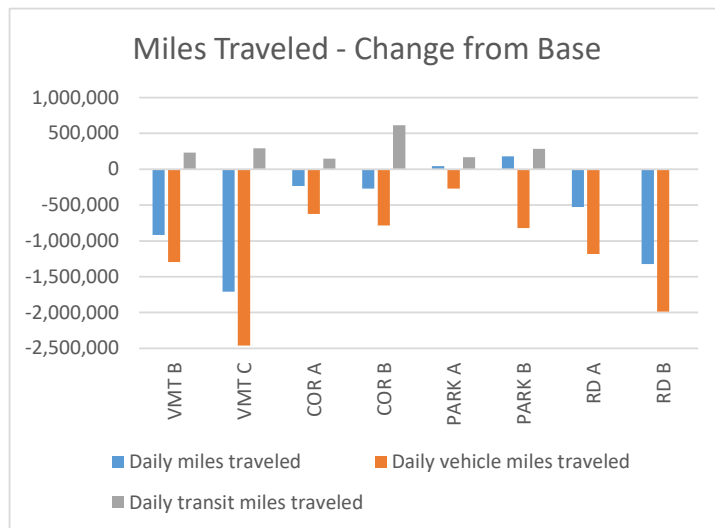
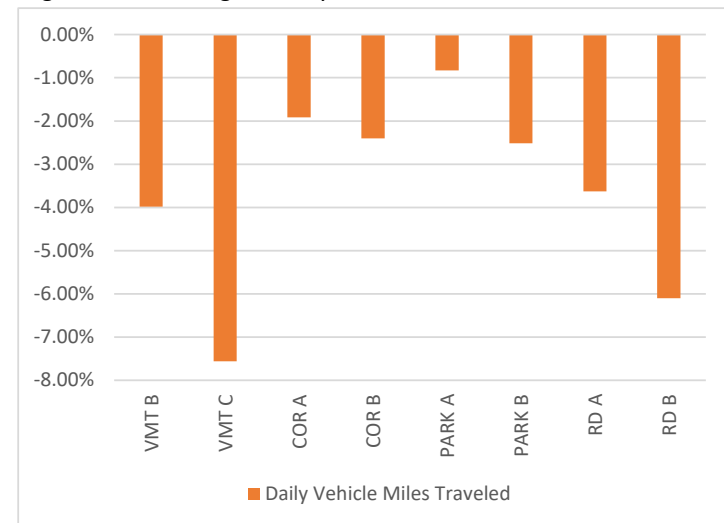


Figure 1.4-3. Change in Daily Vehicle miles Traveled - MPA



AWD Trips by Mode

	Base	VMT B	VMT C	COR A	COR B	PARK A	PARK B	RD A	RD B
<b>Drive Alone</b>	44.5%	43.7%	42.9%	43.7%	43.5%	44.1%	43.3%	43.9%	43.6%
<b>work</b>	66.1%	65.0%	63.9%	64.6%	64.3%	65.3%	63.7%	65.0%	64.4%
<b>non-work</b>	33.8%	33.1%	32.5%	33.4%	33.2%	33.7%	33.2%	33.4%	33.3%
<b>Shared Ride</b>	36.8%	37.1%	37.4%	36.7%	36.7%	36.7%	36.7%	37.1%	37.0%
<b>work</b>	12.1%	12.4%	12.7%	12.1%	12.2%	12.0%	11.7%	12.6%	12.7%
<b>non-work</b>	49.1%	49.3%	49.6%	48.9%	48.9%	49.0%	49.0%	49.2%	49.1%
<b>Transit</b>	6.0%	6.1%	6.3%	6.3%	6.4%	6.1%	6.6%	6.0%	6.1%
<b>work</b>	9.8%	10.1%	10.5%	10.5%	10.6%	10.3%	11.5%	10.1%	10.3%
<b>non-work</b>	4.1%	4.1%	4.2%	4.2%	4.3%	4.0%	4.2%	4.0%	4.1%
<b>Walk</b>	6.9%	7.1%	7.3%	7.1%	7.1%	6.9%	7.1%	7.0%	7.1%
<b>work</b>	6.8%	7.0%	7.2%	7.1%	7.2%	6.8%	7.0%	6.9%	7.0%
<b>non-work</b>	6.9%	7.1%	7.3%	7.1%	7.1%	7.0%	7.1%	7.0%	7.1%
<b>Bike</b>	3.7%	3.8%	4.0%	3.9%	4.0%	3.8%	4.1%	3.8%	3.8%
<b>work</b>	5.3%	5.5%	5.7%	5.6%	5.7%	5.5%	6.1%	5.4%	5.5%
<b>non-work</b>	2.9%	3.0%	3.1%	3.0%	3.1%	3.0%	3.1%	3.0%	3.0%
<b>Non-SOV trips</b>	54.6%	55.3%	56.1%	55.3%	55.5%	54.8%	55.7%	55.1%	55.4%
<b>Bike + Walk + Transit</b>	16.9%	17.4%	17.9%	17.7%	17.9%	17.2%	18.2%	17.2%	17.5%
<b>% PM-2hr Work Trips</b>	43.6%	43.6%	43.6%	43.6%	43.6%	43.6%	43.6%	43.6%	43.6%
<b>% PM-2hr Non-Work Trips</b>	56.4%	56.4%	56.4%	56.4%	56.4%	56.4%	56.4%	56.4%	56.4%

AWD Trips by Mode - MPA

% POINT CHANGE from BASE	VMT B	VMT C	COR A	COR B	PARK A	PARK B	RD A	RD B
<b>Drive Alone</b>	-0.8%	-1.6%	-0.7%	-1.0%	-0.3%	-1.2%	-0.6%	-0.9%
<b>work</b>	-1.1%	-2.2%	-1.5%	-1.8%	-0.8%	-2.4%	-1.1%	-1.7%
<b>non-work</b>	-0.7%	-1.3%	-0.4%	-0.5%	-0.1%	-0.5%	-0.4%	-0.5%
<b>Shared Ride</b>	0.2%	0.5%	-0.1%	-0.1%	-0.1%	-0.2%	0.3%	0.2%
<b>work</b>	0.4%	0.7%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	-0.3%	0.5%	0.6%
<b>non-work</b>	0.2%	0.4%	-0.2%	-0.2%	-0.1%	-0.1%	0.1%	0.0%
<b>Transit</b>	0.1%	0.3%	0.3%	0.4%	0.1%	0.7%	0.1%	0.2%
<b>work</b>	0.3%	0.7%	0.7%	0.8%	0.5%	1.7%	0.3%	0.5%
<b>non-work</b>	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	-0.1%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Walk</b>	0.2%	0.4%	0.2%	0.3%	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%
<b>work</b>	0.2%	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%
<b>non-work</b>	0.2%	0.4%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%
<b>Bike</b>	0.1%	0.3%	0.2%	0.3%	0.1%	0.4%	0.1%	0.1%
<b>work</b>	0.2%	0.4%	0.3%	0.4%	0.3%	0.8%	0.1%	0.3%
<b>non-work</b>	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%
<b>Non-SOV trips</b>	0.8%	1.6%	0.7%	0.9%	0.3%	1.2%	0.6%	0.8%
<b>Bike + Walk + Transit</b>	0.5%	1.0%	0.8%	1.0%	0.3%	1.3%	0.3%	0.5%
<b>% PM-2hr Work Trips</b>	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
<b>% PM-2hr Non-Work Trips</b>	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

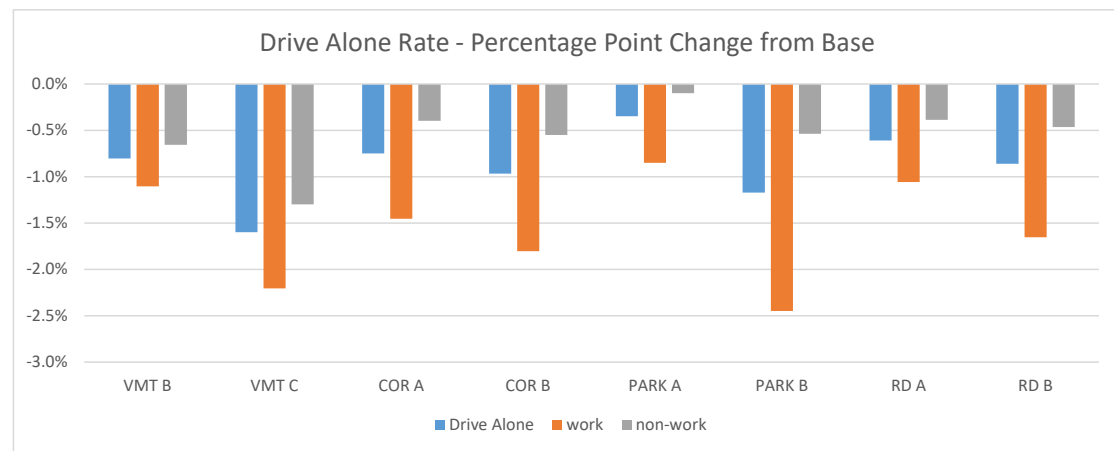
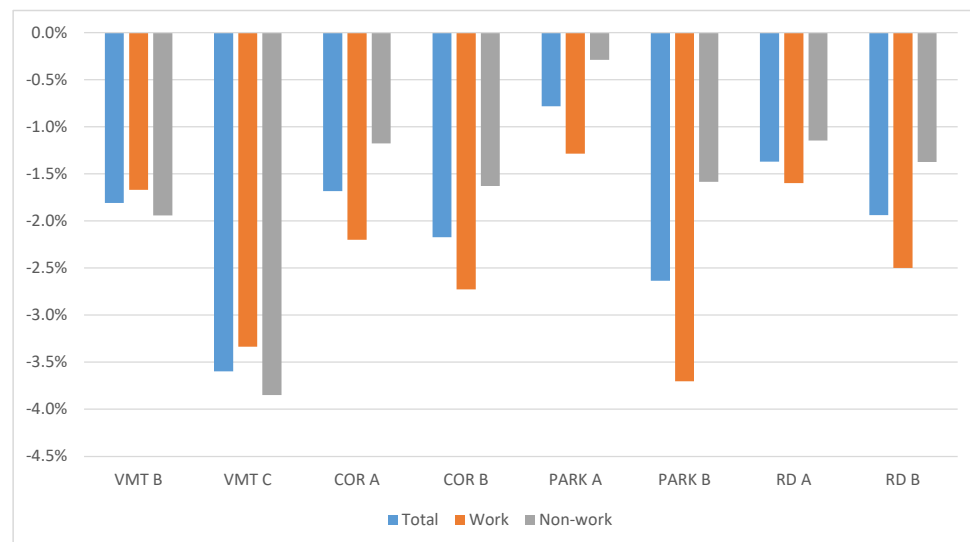


Figure 1.2-2. Change in Drive Alone Rate - MPA



AWD Trips by Mode - MPA

% CHANGE from BASE	VMT B	VMT C	COR A	COR B	PARK A	PARK B	RD A	RD B
<b>Drive Alone</b>	-1.8%	-3.6%	-1.7%	-2.2%	-0.8%	-2.6%	-1.4%	-1.9%
<b>work</b>	-1.7%	-3.3%	-2.2%	-2.7%	-1.3%	-3.7%	-1.6%	-2.5%
<b>non-work</b>	-1.9%	-3.8%	-1.2%	-1.6%	-0.3%	-1.6%	-1.1%	-1.4%
<b>Shared Ride</b>	0.6%	1.4%	-0.3%	-0.3%	-0.2%	-0.4%	0.7%	0.6%
<b>work</b>	3.0%	5.6%	0.4%	0.8%	-0.1%	-2.8%	4.5%	5.4%
<b>non-work</b>	0.3%	0.9%	-0.4%	-0.5%	-0.3%	-0.2%	0.2%	0.0%
<b>Transit</b>	1.5%	4.9%	5.6%	7.1%	2.2%	11.3%	1.2%	2.9%
<b>work</b>	3.2%	7.1%	7.4%	8.6%	5.6%	17.6%	3.1%	5.5%
<b>non-work</b>	-0.4%	2.4%	3.5%	5.3%	-1.9%	3.9%	-1.0%	-0.1%
<b>Walk</b>	2.9%	5.5%	3.3%	3.8%	0.8%	2.6%	1.1%	2.7%
<b>work</b>	3.1%	6.1%	5.3%	6.0%	0.8%	3.1%	1.1%	2.9%
<b>non-work</b>	2.7%	5.2%	2.3%	2.8%	0.8%	2.3%	1.1%	2.7%
<b>Bike</b>	3.8%	7.2%	5.1%	7.1%	3.3%	10.5%	2.0%	4.1%
<b>work</b>	4.2%	8.1%	6.1%	8.5%	4.9%	16.0%	2.5%	5.1%
<b>non-work</b>	3.5%	6.3%	4.2%	5.9%	1.8%	5.6%	1.6%	3.1%
<b>Non-SOV trips</b>	1.4%	2.9%	1.3%	1.7%	0.5%	2.1%	1.0%	1.5%
<b>Bike + Walk + Transit</b>	2.8%	5.8%	4.7%	5.9%	2.0%	7.6%	1.5%	3.2%
<b>% PM-2hr Work Trips</b>	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
<b>% PM-2hr Non-Work Trips</b>	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%



**Change in peak period travel times between select zone pairs. (Alternative - Baseline)**

Green = improved travel times in Alternative. Red = worse travel times in Alternative.

All times in minutes.

		VMT B - Auto									
		To									
From	TAZ	Portland				Oregon	Clackamas				Vancouver
		CBD	PDX	Gateway	Gresham	City	TC	Tualatin	Beaverton	Hillsboro	CBD
From	Portland CBD	0	-0.46	-0.57	-0.79	-1.16	-0.77	-0.97	-1.12	-1.61	-0.65
	PDX	-0.33	-0.01	-0.12	-0.24	-1.06	-0.42	-1.53	-1.57	-2.05	-0.4
	Gateway	-0.32	-0.04	0	-0.19	-1.06	-0.42	-1.61	-1.58	-2.05	-0.37
	Gresham	-0.47	-0.15	-0.12	0	-1.05	-0.42	-1.52	-1.73	-2.21	-0.55
	Oregon City	-0.83	-0.96	-0.89	-0.91	-0.05	-0.44	-0.72	-1.47	-1.68	-1.24
	Clackamas TC	-0.74	-0.53	-0.47	-0.39	-0.65	0.01	-1.1	-1.68	-2.36	-0.82
	Tualatin	-0.74	-1.42	-1.53	-1.6	-0.86	-1.12	0	-0.75	-0.93	-1.59
	Beaverton	-0.8	-1.46	-1.5	-1.73	-1.44	-1.46	-0.66	0	-0.41	-1.57
	Hillsboro	-1.3	-1.95	-2	-2.23	-1.5	-2.22	-0.85	-0.46	0	-2.06
Vancouver CBD	-0.25	-0.06	-0.1	-0.3	-1.12	-0.48	-1.48	-1.51	-1.98	0	

		VMT B - Transit									
		To									
From	TAZ	Portland				Oregon	Clackamas				Vancouver
		CBD	PDX	Gateway	Gresham	City	TC	Tualatin	Beaverton	Hillsboro	CBD
From	Portland CBD	0	0	0	0	-1.22	0	0	0	0	-1.31
	PDX	0	0	0	0	-0.63	0	0	0	0	-1.3
	Gateway	0	0	0	0	-0.63	0	-0.02	0	0	-1.42
	Gresham	0	0	0	0	-0.63	0	0	0	0	-1.31
	Oregon City	0.59	-0.44	-0.44	-0.44	0	-0.43	-1.09	0.36	0.4	-0.75
	Clackamas TC	0	0	0	0	-0.63	0	-0.11	0	0	-1.42
	Tualatin	-0.04	-0.02	0.05	-0.02	-1.26	-0.1	0	0	0	-1.37
	Beaverton	0	0	0	0	-1.54	0	0	0	0	-1.31
	Hillsboro	0	0	0	0	-1.6	0	0	0	0	-1.31
Vancouver CBD	-0.48	-0.29	-0.3	-0.29	3.44	-0.37	-0.61	-0.47	-0.47	0	

**Change in peak period travel times between select zone pairs. (Alternative - Baseline)**

Green = improved travel times in Alternative. Red = worse travel times in Alternative.

All times in minutes.

		VMT C- Auto									
		To									
From	TAZ	Portland				Oregon	Clackamas				Vancouver
		CBD	PDX	Gateway	Gresham	City	TC	Tualatin	Beaverton	Hillsboro	CBD
From	Portland CBD	0	-0.8	-0.98	-1.41	-1.95	-1.37	-1.71	-2.05	-2.87	-1.2
	PDX	-0.64	-0.01	-0.21	-0.46	-1.76	-0.72	-2.75	-2.78	-3.59	-0.78
	Gateway	-0.63	-0.07	0	-0.35	-1.72	-0.68	-2.85	-2.88	-3.69	-0.71
	Gresham	-0.93	-0.23	-0.24	0	-1.72	-0.68	-2.51	-3.18	-3.99	-1.03
	Oregon City	-1.46	-1.75	-1.62	-1.62	-0.08	-0.82	-1.31	-2.72	-3	-2.23
	Clackamas TC	-1.3	-0.98	-0.86	-0.73	-1.05	0.01	-1.83	-3.03	-4.18	-1.47
	Tualatin	-1.28	-2.52	-2.69	-2.69	-1.35	-1.88	0	-1.39	-1.65	-2.86
	Beaverton	-1.34	-2.55	-2.56	-3	-2.41	-2.61	-1.13	0	-0.72	-2.79
	Hillsboro	-2.26	-3.48	-3.48	-3.93	-2.54	-3.92	-1.48	-0.86	0	-3.7
Vancouver CBD	-0.44	-0.11	-0.17	-0.58	-1.88	-0.83	-2.57	-2.65	-3.46	0	

		VMT C - Transit									
		To									
From	TAZ	Portland				Oregon	Clackamas				Vancouver
		CBD	PDX	Gateway	Gresham	City	TC	Tualatin	Beaverton	Hillsboro	CBD
From	Portland CBD	0	0	0	0	-2.45	0	0	0	0	-2.26
	PDX	0	0	0	0	-1.15	0	0	0	0	-2.26
	Gateway	0	0	0	0	-1.15	0	-0.05	0	0	-2.47
	Gresham	0	0	0	0	-1.15	0	0	0	0	-2.27
	Oregon City	0.72	-0.76	-0.76	-0.76	0	-0.75	-2.1	0.38	0.4	-1.6
	Clackamas TC	0	0	0	0	-1.14	0	-0.21	0	0	-2.47
	Tualatin	-0.07	-0.03	0.01	-0.03	-2.22	-0.17	0	0	0	-2.36
	Beaverton	0	0	0	0	-2.76	0	0	0	0	-2.26
	Hillsboro	0	0	0	0	-2.8	0	0	0	0	-2.27
Vancouver CBD	-0.93	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6	1.76	-0.74	-1.19	-0.92	-0.93	0	

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All times in minutes.

		COR A - Auto									
		To									
From	TAZ	Portland				Oregon	Clackamas	Vancouver			
		CBD	PDX	Gateway	Gresham	City	TC	Tualatin	Beaverton	Hillsboro	CBD
From	Portland CBD	0	-1.32	-1.42	-1.59	-0.83	-0.78	-1.7	-2.73	-2.88	-0.58
	PDX	-0.35	-0.01	-0.07	-0.09	-0.04	-0.04	0.23	1.13	0.99	-0.16
	Gateway	-0.36	0	0	-0.07	-0.04	-0.05	0.2	0.89	0.75	-0.16
	Gresham	-0.42	-0.03	-0.02	0	-0.04	-0.05	0.23	0.83	0.69	-0.21
	Oregon City	-1.14	-0.09	-0.06	-0.03	0	0	0.28	0.45	0.36	-0.23
	Clackamas TC	-1.28	-0.1	-0.08	0	-0.01	0.01	0.27	0.74	1.75	-0.25
	Tualatin	-1.01	0.01	-0.09	0.06	0.04	0.09	0	0.17	0.09	-0.02
	Beaverton	-1.41	0.5	0.91	0.73	0.13	0.5	0.07	0	-0.15	0.45
	Hillsboro	-1.39	0.52	0.93	0.75	0.15	1.48	0.05	-0.13	0	0.49
	Vancouver CBD	-0.48	0.04	0.03	-0.07	-0.01	-0.01	0.09	1.02	0.88	0

		COR A - Transit									
		To									
From	TAZ	Portland				Oregon	Clackamas	Vancouver			
		CBD	PDX	Gateway	Gresham	City	TC	Tualatin	Beaverton	Hillsboro	CBD
From	Portland CBD	0	0	0	0	0.34	0	0	0	0	-0.65
	PDX	0	0	0	0	0.22	0	0	0	0	-0.65
	Gateway	0	0	0	0	0.22	0	0	0	0	-0.65
	Gresham	0	0	0	0	0.22	0	0	0	0	-0.66
	Oregon City	0.86	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0.1	0.25	0.61	0.7	0.16
	Clackamas TC	0	0	0	0	0.2	0	-0.01	0	0	-0.65
	Tualatin	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.2	0.01	0	0	0	-0.65
	Beaverton	0	0	0	0	0.41	0	0	0	0	-0.65
	Hillsboro	0	0	0	0	0.4	0	0	0	0	-0.66
	Vancouver CBD	1.17	0.48	0.51	0.48	1.23	0.11	1.17	1.18	1.18	0

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		COR B- Auto									
		To									
From	TAZ	Portland				Oregon	Clackamas				Vancouver
		CBD	PDX	Gateway	Gresham	City	TC	Tualatin	Beaverton	Hillsboro	CBD
From	Portland CBD	0	-0.75	-1.08	-1.3	-4.2	-3.42	-1.62	-2.68	-2.87	-0.9
	PDX	-0.31	-0.01	0	-0.08	0.21	0.34	0.03	0.56	0.38	-0.24
	Gateway	-0.4	0	0.01	-0.11	0.04	0.17	-0.17	0.14	-0.04	-0.29
	Gresham	-0.5	-0.01	-0.03	0	-0.03	0.1	0.07	0.04	-0.14	-0.37
	Oregon City	-2.18	-0.04	0	-0.04	-0.05	-0.02	0.09	0.17	0	-0.29
	Clackamas TC	-2.09	-0.01	0.02	-0.02	-0.18	0	-0.08	0.14	0.68	-0.27
	Tualatin	-0.81	-0.16	-0.51	-0.46	-0.48	-0.42	0	-0.01	-0.08	-0.87
	Beaverton	-1.68	-0.08	0.11	-0.12	-0.53	-0.12	-0.08	0	-0.19	-0.45
	Hillsboro	-1.77	-0.17	0.01	-0.21	-0.42	0.16	-0.13	-0.19	0	-0.54
Vancouver CBD	-0.7	0.06	0.05	-0.07	0.22	0.36	-0.75	0.28	0.09	0	

		COR B - Transit									
		To									
From	TAZ	Portland				Oregon	Clackamas				Vancouver
		CBD	PDX	Gateway	Gresham	City	TC	Tualatin	Beaverton	Hillsboro	CBD
From	Portland CBD	0	0	0	0	-0.42	0	0	0	0	-0.56
	PDX	0	0	0	0	0.22	0	0	0	0	-0.56
	Gateway	0	0	0	0	0.22	0	0	0	0	-0.4
	Gresham	0	0	0	0	0.22	0	0	0	0	-0.57
	Oregon City	0.72	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0.2	0.01	0.45	0.5	0.1
	Clackamas TC	0	0	0	0	0.21	0	-0.03	0	0	-0.4
	Tualatin	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.08	0.02	0	0	0	-0.56
	Beaverton	0	0	0	0	-0.43	0	0	0	0	-0.56
	Hillsboro	0	0	0	0	-0.5	0	0	0	0	-0.57
Vancouver CBD	0.25	0.04	0.05	0.04	-0.11	0.14	0.23	0.26	0.26	0	

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		PARK A - Auto									
		To									
From	TAZ	Portland				Oregon	Clackamas			Vancouver	
		CBD	PDX	Gateway	Gresham	City	TC	Tualatin	Beaverton	Hillsboro	CBD
From	Portland CBD	0	-0.46	-0.56	-0.62	-0.93	-0.63	-0.66	-0.64	-0.72	-0.39
	PDX	-0.13	0	-0.05	-0.04	-0.42	-0.14	-0.7	-0.71	-0.78	-0.06
	Gateway	-0.14	0	0	-0.07	-0.43	-0.16	-0.81	-0.76	-0.84	-0.08
	Gresham	-0.14	-0.01	0	0	-0.41	-0.13	-0.47	-0.77	-0.84	-0.07
	Oregon City	-0.25	-0.19	-0.17	-0.17	-0.02	-0.1	-0.11	-0.19	-0.29	-0.23
	Clackamas TC	-0.21	-0.09	-0.07	-0.09	-0.29	0.01	-0.34	-0.49	-0.93	-0.14
	Tualatin	-0.1	-0.55	-0.65	-0.54	-0.41	-0.46	0	-0.13	-0.17	-0.54
	Beaverton	-0.22	-0.58	-0.76	-0.83	-0.62	-0.63	-0.19	0	-0.1	-0.67
	Hillsboro	-0.24	-0.61	-0.78	-0.85	-0.44	-0.95	-0.13	-0.04	0	-0.68
	Vancouver CBD	-0.13	-0.02	-0.02	-0.07	-0.44	-0.16	-0.74	-0.73	-0.81	0

		PARK A - Transit									
		To									
From	TAZ	Portland				Oregon	Clackamas			Vancouver	
		CBD	PDX	Gateway	Gresham	City	TC	Tualatin	Beaverton	Hillsboro	CBD
From	Portland CBD	0	0	0	0	-0.32	0	0	0	0	-0.45
	PDX	0	0	0	0	-0.14	0	0	0	0	-0.44
	Gateway	0	0	0	0	-0.14	0	0	0	0	-0.41
	Gresham	0	0	0	0	-0.14	0	0	0	0	-0.45
	Oregon City	0.17	-0.06	-0.06	-0.06	0	-0.06	-0.12	0.12	0.2	-0.28
	Clackamas TC	0	0	0	0	-0.15	0	-0.03	0	0	-0.41
	Tualatin	0	0	0	0	-0.25	0	0	0	0	-0.45
	Beaverton	0	0	0	0	-0.64	0	0	0	0	-0.45
	Hillsboro	0	0	0	0	-0.7	0	0	0	0	-0.45
	Vancouver CBD	-0.16	-0.08	-0.08	-0.08	-0.32	-0.11	-0.18	-0.15	-0.15	0

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		PARK B - Auto									
		To									
From	TAZ	Portland				Oregon	Clackamas				Vancouver
		CBD	PDX	Gateway	Gresham	City	TC	Tualatin	Beaverton	Hillsboro	CBD
From	Portland CBD	0	-0.8	-1.01	-1.23	-2.04	-1.41	-1.36	-1.41	-1.69	-0.62
	PDX	-0.24	0	-0.08	-0.16	-0.8	-0.26	-1.47	-1.47	-1.73	0
	Gateway	-0.27	0.02	0	-0.17	-0.84	-0.3	-1.6	-1.58	-1.85	0.03
	Gresham	-0.3	-0.03	-0.03	0	-0.8	-0.26	-0.97	-1.61	-1.87	-0.02
	Oregon City	-0.58	-0.44	-0.44	-0.47	-0.05	-0.24	-0.28	-0.46	-0.66	-0.46
	Clackamas TC	-0.49	-0.23	-0.24	-0.23	-0.57	0	-0.73	-1.1	-2.18	-0.25
	Tualatin	-0.18	-1.12	-1.33	-0.95	-0.53	-0.71	0	-0.25	-0.38	-0.9
	Beaverton	-0.26	-0.93	-1.4	-1.63	-0.86	-1.06	-0.32	0	-0.21	-1.05
	Hillsboro	-0.31	-0.99	-1.45	-1.68	-0.67	-1.88	-0.28	-0.1	0	-1.09
Vancouver CBD	-0.29	-0.03	-0.04	-0.22	-0.86	-0.31	-1.47	-1.53	-1.8	0	

		PARK B - Transit									
		To									
From	TAZ	Portland				Oregon	Clackamas				Vancouver
		CBD	PDX	Gateway	Gresham	City	TC	Tualatin	Beaverton	Hillsboro	CBD
From	Portland CBD	0	0	0	0	-1.31	0	0	0	0	-0.91
	PDX	0	0	0	0	-0.48	0	0	0	0	-0.91
	Gateway	0	0	0	0	-0.48	0	-0.01	0	0	-0.91
	Gresham	0	0	0	0	-0.48	0	0	0	0	-0.92
	Oregon City	0.44	-0.21	-0.21	-0.21	0	-0.21	-0.45	0.28	0.3	-0.51
	Clackamas TC	0	0	0	0	-0.48	0	-0.07	0	0	-0.91
	Tualatin	0	0	0	0	-0.75	-0.01	0	0	0	-0.92
	Beaverton	0	0	0	0	-1.62	0	0	0	0	-0.91
	Hillsboro	0	0	0	0	-1.7	0	0	0	0	-0.92
Vancouver CBD	-0.44	-0.25	-0.25	-0.25	3.4	-0.33	-0.52	-0.43	-0.44	0	



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		PARK B-R - Auto											
		To											
From	TAZ	Portland				Oregon	Clackamas	Tualatin			Beaverton	Hillsboro	Vancouver
		CBD	PDX	Gateway	Gresham	City	TC					CBD	
From	Portland CBD	0	-0.75	-0.96	-1.18	-1.85	-1.31	-1.25	-1.27	-1.57	-0.67		
	PDX	-0.21	0	-0.07	-0.18	-0.65	-0.23	-1.27	-1.3	-1.59	-0.07		
	Gateway	-0.25	0.02	0	-0.17	-0.71	-0.28	-1.41	-1.43	-1.73	-0.04		
	Gresham	-0.3	-0.03	-0.03	0	-0.65	-0.23	-0.83	-1.48	-1.77	-0.12		
	Oregon City	-0.51	-0.41	-0.4	-0.42	-0.03	-0.22	-0.25	-0.41	-0.58	-0.49		
	Clackamas TC	-0.43	-0.23	-0.23	-0.21	-0.46	0	-0.63	-0.94	-2.03	-0.32		
	Tualatin	-0.06	-0.91	-1.11	-0.74	-0.31	-0.53	0	-0.22	-0.3	-0.78		
	Beaverton	-0.09	-0.67	-1.17	-1.41	-0.54	-0.8	-0.24	0	-0.21	-0.89		
	Hillsboro	-0.13	-0.71	-1.21	-1.45	-0.37	-1.61	-0.25	-0.06	0	-0.92		
	Vancouver CBD	-0.32	-0.06	-0.07	-0.27	-0.74	-0.31	-1.34	-1.41	-1.7	0		

		PARK B-R - Transit											
		To											
From	TAZ	Portland				Oregon	Clackamas	Tualatin			Beaverton	Hillsboro	Vancouver
		CBD	PDX	Gateway	Gresham	City	TC					CBD	
From	Portland CBD	0	0	0	0	-1.31	0	0	0	0	-1.22		
	PDX	0	0	0	0	-0.45	0	0	0	0	-1.22		
	Gateway	0	0	0	0	-0.45	0	-0.01	0	0	-1.26		
	Gresham	0	0	0	0	-0.45	0	0	0	0	-1.23		
	Oregon City	0.44	-0.21	-0.21	-0.21	0	-0.21	-0.45	0.28	0.3	-0.82		
	Clackamas TC	0	0	0	0	-0.45	0	-0.07	0	0	-1.26		
	Tualatin	0	0	0	0	-0.74	-0.01	0	0	0	-1.24		
	Beaverton	0	0	0	0	-1.62	0	0	0	0	-1.22		
	Hillsboro	0	0	0	0	-1.7	0	0	0	0	-1.23		
	Vancouver CBD	-0.49	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	3.34	-0.38	-0.57	-0.48	-0.49	0		

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		RD A - Auto									
		To									
From	TAZ	Portland				Oregon	Clackamas	Vancouver			
		CBD	PDX	Gateway	Gresham	City	TC	Tualatin	Beaverton	Hillsboro	CBD
From	Portland CBD	0	-0.95	-2.31	-2.67	0.45	0.39	-2.4	-0.85	-1.65	-1.63
	PDX	-0.49	0	-0.03	-1.8	-4.05	-2.25	-3.37	-1.72	-2.51	0.55
	Gateway	-1.54	0.09	0	0.53	-3.58	-1.78	-4.53	-3.27	-4.06	0.15
	Gresham	-0.49	0.38	0.84	0.01	0.15	-1.21	-2.05	-2.21	-3	-1.84
	Oregon City	0.51	-3.64	-3.08	-2.67	0.01	-0.93	-1.76	-4.76	-0.97	-3.95
	Clackamas TC	0.82	-2.25	-1.76	-1.02	-1.46	0	-2.99	0.91	-0.96	-2.63
	Tualatin	-2.1	-3.53	-4.89	-5.63	-2.98	-3.88	0	-2.49	0.54	-4.13
	Beaverton	-0.67	-2.44	-3.75	-4.13	-5.38	0.9	-2.45	0	0.52	-2.79
	Hillsboro	-2.27	-4.04	-5.35	-5.73	1.06	-2.23	0.49	0.31	0	-4.33
Vancouver CBD	-0.8	0.19	0.04	1.34	-3.99	-2.17	-3.92	-2.61	-3.4	0	

		RD A - Transit									
		To									
From	TAZ	Portland				Oregon	Clackamas	Vancouver			
		CBD	PDX	Gateway	Gresham	City	TC	Tualatin	Beaverton	Hillsboro	CBD
From	Portland CBD	0	0	0	0	0.21	0	0	0	0	-1.88
	PDX	0	0	0	0	-0.91	0	0	0	0	-1.88
	Gateway	0	0	0	0	-0.91	0	-0.01	0	0	-1.59
	Gresham	0	0	0	0	-0.91	0	0	0	0	-1.89
	Oregon City	-0.6	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	0	-0.25	0.13	-0.82	-0.8	-2.63
	Clackamas TC	0	0	0	0	-0.9	0	-0.04	0	0	-1.59
	Tualatin	-0.03	-0.01	0.06	-0.01	0.08	-0.08	0	0	0	-1.93
	Beaverton	0	0	0	0	0.27	0	0	0	0	-1.88
	Hillsboro	0	0	0	0	0.2	0	0	0	0	-1.89
Vancouver CBD	-1.88	-0.65	-0.69	-0.65	-1.92	-1.46	-1.92	-1.87	-1.88	0	

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		RD B - Auto									
		To									
From	TAZ	Portland				Oregon	Clackamas				Vancouver
		CBD	PDX	Gateway	Gresham	City	TC	Tualatin	Beaverton	Hillsboro	CBD
From	Portland CBD	0	-1.67	-4.21	1.29	1.22	1.29	-3.99	-1.05	-3.17	-3.22
	PDX	-0.38	0.01	0.44	1.88	-6.33	-3.32	-5.59	-1.79	-3.9	0.97
	Gateway	-2.32	0.42	0	1.8	-5.62	-2.61	-7.63	-5.14	-7.26	0.61
	Gresham	3.17	0.64	1.45	0.01	0.68	1.28	-2.83	-3.43	-5.54	-1.98
	Oregon City	1.74	-5.28	-4.54	1.69	0.04	-1.36	1.03	-6.67	5.23	-6.19
	Clackamas TC	2.01	2.42	-2.44	1.42	-2.33	-0.01	-4.43	2.86	-1.39	-4.09
	Tualatin	-3.22	-5.9	-8.44	-3.09	-4.59	-6.13	0	-3.82	1.45	-7
	Beaverton	-0.64	-3.79	-6.39	-1.59	-8.38	2.63	-3.81	0	0.83	-5.3
	Hillsboro	-2.75	-5.87	-8.51	-3.71	3.75	-0.77	1.52	0.81	0	-7.21
	Vancouver CBD	-1.22	0.27	0.31	2.13	-6.26	-3.24	-6.71	-4.1	-6.21	0

		RD B - Transit									
		To									
From	TAZ	Portland				Oregon	Clackamas				Vancouver
		CBD	PDX	Gateway	Gresham	City	TC	Tualatin	Beaverton	Hillsboro	CBD
From	Portland CBD	0	0	0	0	1.18	0	0	0	0	-3.32
	PDX	0	0	0	0	-1.07	0	0	0	0	-3.32
	Gateway	0	0	0	0	-1.07	0	0	0	0	-2.64
	Gresham	0	0	0	0	-1.07	0	0	0	0	-3.33
	Oregon City	-0.32	0.15	0.15	0.15	0	0.05	1.07	-1.14	-1.11	-3.8
	Clackamas TC	0	0	0	0	-1.09	0	-0.03	0	0	-2.64
	Tualatin	-0.01	0	-0.01	0	1.38	-0.03	0	0	0	-3.34
	Beaverton	0	0	0	0	1.45	0	0	0	0	-3.32
	Hillsboro	0	0	0	0	1.4	0	0	0	0	-3.32
	Vancouver CBD	-3.35	-1.8	-1.83	-1.8	-3.22	-2.46	-3.37	-3.34	-3.34	0

**% change from Baseline in peak period travel times between select zone pairs**

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		VMT B - Auto									
		To									
From	TAZ	Portland				Oregon	Clackamas	Vancouver			
		CBD	PDX	Gateway	Gresham	City	TC	Tualatin	Beaverton	Hillsboro	CBD
From	Portland CBD	0%	-2%	-3%	-3%	-3%	-3%	-4%	-5%	-4%	-3%
	PDX	-2%	0%	-1%	-1%	-3%	-2%	-4%	-4%	-4%	-2%
	Gateway	-2%	0%	0%	-1%	-4%	-3%	-4%	-5%	-4%	-2%
	Gresham	-2%	-1%	-1%	0%	-3%	-2%	-3%	-4%	-3%	-2%
	Oregon City	-3%	-3%	-4%	-3%	-4%	-4%	-4%	-4%	-3%	-3%
	Clackamas TC	-3%	-2%	-3%	-2%	-4%	1%	-4%	-4%	-4%	-3%
	Tualatin	-3%	-3%	-4%	-3%	-4%	-4%	0%	-4%	-2%	-4%
	Beaverton	-4%	-4%	-4%	-4%	-4%	-3%	-3%	0%	-2%	-4%
	Hillsboro	-4%	-3%	-4%	-3%	-3%	-4%	-2%	-2%	0%	-4%
	Vancouver CBD	-1%	0%	-1%	-1%	-3%	-2%	-4%	-4%	-4%	0%

		VMT B - Transit									
		To									
From	TAZ	Portland				Oregon	Clackamas	Vancouver			
		CBD	PDX	Gateway	Gresham	City	TC	Tualatin	Beaverton	Hillsboro	CBD
From	Portland CBD	--	0%	0%	0%	-2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-5%
	PDX	0%	--	0%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-2%
	Gateway	0%	0%	--	0%	-1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-3%
	Gresham	0%	0%	0%	--	-1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-2%
	Oregon City	1%	-1%	-1%	-1%	--	-2%	-2%	0%	0%	-1%
	Clackamas TC	0%	0%	0%	0%	-2%	--	0%	0%	0%	-2%
	Tualatin	0%	0%	0%	0%	-2%	0%	--	0%	0%	-2%
	Beaverton	0%	0%	0%	0%	-2%	0%	0%	--	0%	-3%
	Hillsboro	0%	0%	0%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	0%	--	-2%
	Vancouver CBD	-2%	0%	-1%	0%	5%	-1%	-1%	-1%	-1%	--

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		VMT C - Auto									
		To									
From	TAZ	Portland				Oregon	Clackamas	Vancouver			
		CBD	PDX	Gateway	Gresham	City	TC	Tualatin	Beaverton	Hillsboro	CBD
From	Portland CBD	0%	-3%	-6%	-5%	-5%	-5%	-7%	-9%	-8%	-5%
	PDX	-3%	0%	-2%	-2%	-5%	-4%	-6%	-7%	-6%	-4%
	Gateway	-4%	-1%	0%	-2%	-6%	-5%	-8%	-8%	-7%	-3%
	Gresham	-3%	-1%	-2%	0%	-5%	-3%	-5%	-7%	-6%	-3%
	Oregon City	-5%	-6%	-7%	-5%	-6%	-7%	-8%	-8%	-6%	-5%
	Clackamas TC	-5%	-4%	-6%	-3%	-7%	1%	-7%	-7%	-7%	-5%
	Tualatin	-6%	-6%	-7%	-6%	-7%	-7%	0%	-7%	-4%	-6%
	Beaverton	-7%	-6%	-7%	-6%	-6%	-6%	-6%	0%	-3%	-7%
	Hillsboro	-6%	-6%	-7%	-6%	-5%	-6%	-4%	-4%	0%	-6%
	Vancouver CBD	-3%	-1%	-1%	-2%	-5%	-3%	-7%	-8%	-7%	0%

		VMT C - Transit									
		To									
From	TAZ	Portland				Oregon	Clackamas	Vancouver			
		CBD	PDX	Gateway	Gresham	City	TC	Tualatin	Beaverton	Hillsboro	CBD
From	Portland CBD	--	0%	0%	0%	-4%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-8%
	PDX	0%	--	0%	0%	-2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-3%
	Gateway	0%	0%	--	0%	-3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-6%
	Gresham	0%	0%	0%	--	-2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-3%
	Oregon City	1%	-1%	-2%	-1%	--	-3%	-4%	0%	0%	-2%
	Clackamas TC	0%	0%	0%	0%	-4%	--	0%	0%	0%	-4%
	Tualatin	0%	0%	0%	0%	-4%	0%	--	0%	0%	-3%
	Beaverton	0%	0%	0%	0%	-3%	0%	0%	--	0%	-4%
	Hillsboro	0%	0%	0%	0%	-3%	0%	0%	0%	--	-3%
	Vancouver CBD	-3%	-1%	-1%	-1%	3%	-1%	-2%	-2%	-1%	--

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		COR A - Auto									
		To									
From	TAZ	Portland				Oregon	Clackamas	Vancouver			
		CBD	PDX	Gateway	Gresham	City	TC	Tualatin	Beaverton	Hillsboro	CBD
From	Portland CBD	0%	-6%	-8%	-5%	-2%	-3%	-7%	-13%	-8%	-2%
	PDX	-2%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	3%	2%	-1%
	Gateway	-2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	3%	1%	-1%
	Gresham	-2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	1%	-1%
	Oregon City	-4%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	1%	1%	-1%
	Clackamas TC	-5%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	2%	3%	-1%
	Tualatin	-4%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%
	Beaverton	-7%	1%	3%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	-1%	1%
	Hillsboro	-4%	1%	2%	1%	0%	2%	0%	-1%	0%	1%
	Vancouver CBD	-3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	2%	0%

		COR A - Transit									
		To									
From	TAZ	Portland				Oregon	Clackamas	Vancouver			
		CBD	PDX	Gateway	Gresham	City	TC	Tualatin	Beaverton	Hillsboro	CBD
From	Portland CBD	--	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-2%
	PDX	0%	--	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-1%
	Gateway	0%	0%	--	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-2%
	Gresham	0%	0%	0%	--	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-1%
	Oregon City	2%	0%	0%	0%	--	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%
	Clackamas TC	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	--	0%	0%	0%	-1%
	Tualatin	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	--	0%	0%	-1%
	Beaverton	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	--	0%	-1%
	Hillsboro	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	--	-1%
	Vancouver CBD	4%	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%	2%	2%	2%	--



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		COR B - Auto									
		To									
From	TAZ	Portland				Oregon	Clackamas	Vancouver			
		CBD	PDX	Gateway	Gresham	City	TC	Tualatin	Beaverton	Hillsboro	CBD
From	Portland CBD	0%	-3%	-6%	-4%	-12%	-12%	-6%	-12%	-8%	-4%
	PDX	-1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%	0%	1%	1%	-1%
	Gateway	-3%	0%	1%	-1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	-1%
	Gresham	-2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-1%
	Oregon City	-7%	0%	0%	0%	-4%	0%	1%	0%	0%	-1%
	Clackamas TC	-9%	0%	0%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	-1%
	Tualatin	-4%	0%	-1%	-1%	-2%	-2%	0%	0%	0%	-2%
	Beaverton	-8%	0%	0%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	0%	-1%	-1%
	Hillsboro	-5%	0%	0%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	-1%	0%	-1%
	Vancouver CBD	-4%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	-2%	1%	0%	0%

		COR B - Transit									
		To									
From	TAZ	Portland				Oregon	Clackamas	Vancouver			
		CBD	PDX	Gateway	Gresham	City	TC	Tualatin	Beaverton	Hillsboro	CBD
From	Portland CBD	--	0%	0%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-2%
	PDX	0%	--	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-1%
	Gateway	0%	0%	--	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-1%
	Gresham	0%	0%	0%	--	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-1%
	Oregon City	1%	0%	0%	0%	--	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%
	Clackamas TC	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	--	0%	0%	0%	-1%
	Tualatin	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	--	0%	0%	-1%
	Beaverton	0%	0%	0%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	--	0%	-1%
	Hillsboro	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	--	-1%
	Vancouver CBD	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	--

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		PARK A - Auto									
		To									
	TAZ	Portland				Oregon	Clackamas	Vancouver			
		CBD	PDX	Gateway	Gresham	City	TC	Tualatin	Beaverton	Hillsboro	CBD
From	Portland CBD	0%	-2%	-3%	-2%	-3%	-2%	-3%	-3%	-2%	-2%
	PDX	-1%	0%	0%	0%	-1%	-1%	-2%	-2%	-1%	0%
	Gateway	-1%	0%	0%	0%	-2%	-1%	-2%	-2%	-2%	0%
	Gresham	-1%	0%	0%	0%	-1%	-1%	-1%	-2%	-1%	0%
	Oregon City	-1%	-1%	-1%	-1%	-1%	-1%	-1%	-1%	-1%	-1%
	Clackamas TC	-1%	0%	0%	0%	-2%	1%	-1%	-1%	-2%	0%
	Tualatin	0%	-1%	-2%	-1%	-2%	-2%	0%	-1%	0%	-1%
	Beaverton	-1%	-1%	-2%	-2%	-2%	-1%	-1%	0%	0%	-2%
	Hillsboro	-1%	-1%	-1%	-1%	-1%	-2%	0%	0%	0%	-1%
	Vancouver CBD	-1%	0%	0%	0%	-1%	-1%	-2%	-2%	-2%	0%

		PARK A - Transit									
		To									
	TAZ	Portland				Oregon	Clackamas	Vancouver			
		CBD	PDX	Gateway	Gresham	City	TC	Tualatin	Beaverton	Hillsboro	CBD
From	Portland CBD	--	0%	0%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-2%
	PDX	0%	--	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-1%
	Gateway	0%	0%	--	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-1%
	Gresham	0%	0%	0%	--	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-1%
	Oregon City	0%	0%	0%	0%	--	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	Clackamas TC	0%	0%	0%	0%	-1%	--	0%	0%	0%	-1%
	Tualatin	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	--	0%	0%	-1%
	Beaverton	0%	0%	0%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	--	0%	-1%
	Hillsboro	0%	0%	0%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	0%	--	-1%
	Vancouver CBD	-1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	--

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		PARK B - Auto									
		To									
From	TAZ	Portland				Oregon	Clackamas	Vancouver			
		CBD	PDX	Gateway	Gresham	City	TC	Tualatin	Beaverton	Hillsboro	CBD
From	Portland CBD	0%	-3%	-6%	-4%	-6%	-5%	-5%	-7%	-4%	-2%
	PDX	-1%	0%	-1%	-1%	-2%	-1%	-3%	-4%	-3%	0%
	Gateway	-2%	0%	0%	-1%	-3%	-2%	-4%	-5%	-4%	0%
	Gresham	-1%	0%	0%	0%	-2%	-1%	-2%	-3%	-3%	0%
	Oregon City	-2%	-1%	-2%	-1%	-4%	-2%	-2%	-1%	-1%	-1%
	Clackamas TC	-2%	-1%	-2%	-1%	-4%	0%	-3%	-3%	-4%	-1%
	Tualatin	-1%	-3%	-4%	-2%	-3%	-3%	0%	-1%	-1%	-2%
	Beaverton	-1%	-2%	-4%	-3%	-2%	-2%	-2%	0%	-1%	-3%
	Hillsboro	-1%	-2%	-3%	-3%	-1%	-3%	-1%	0%	0%	-2%
	Vancouver CBD	-2%	0%	0%	-1%	-2%	-1%	-4%	-4%	-4%	0%

		PARK B - Transit									
		To									
From	TAZ	Portland				Oregon	Clackamas	Vancouver			
		CBD	PDX	Gateway	Gresham	City	TC	Tualatin	Beaverton	Hillsboro	CBD
From	Portland CBD	--	0%	0%	0%	-2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-3%
	PDX	0%	--	0%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-1%
	Gateway	0%	0%	--	0%	-1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-2%
	Gresham	0%	0%	0%	--	-1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-1%
	Oregon City	1%	0%	-1%	0%	--	-1%	-1%	0%	0%	-1%
	Clackamas TC	0%	0%	0%	0%	-2%	--	0%	0%	0%	-2%
	Tualatin	0%	0%	0%	0%	-1%	0%	--	0%	0%	-1%
	Beaverton	0%	0%	0%	0%	-2%	0%	0%	--	0%	-2%
	Hillsboro	0%	0%	0%	0%	-2%	0%	0%	0%	--	-1%
	Vancouver CBD	-2%	0%	-1%	0%	5%	-1%	-1%	-1%	-1%	--

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		PARK B-R - Auto									
		To									
From	TAZ	Portland				Oregon	Clackamas	Vancouver			
		CBD	PDX	Gateway	Gresham	City	TC	Tualatin	Beaverton	Hillsboro	CBD
From	Portland CBD	0%	-3%	-5%	-4%	-5%	-5%	-5%	-6%	-4%	-3%
	PDX	-1%	0%	-1%	-1%	-2%	-1%	-3%	-3%	-3%	0%
	Gateway	-2%	0%	0%	-1%	-3%	-2%	-4%	-4%	-3%	0%
	Gresham	-1%	0%	0%	0%	-2%	-1%	-2%	-3%	-3%	0%
	Oregon City	-2%	-1%	-2%	-1%	-2%	-2%	-1%	-1%	-1%	-1%
	Clackamas TC	-2%	-1%	-2%	-1%	-3%	0%	-2%	-2%	-3%	-1%
	Tualatin	0%	-2%	-3%	-2%	-2%	-2%	0%	-1%	-1%	-2%
	Beaverton	0%	-2%	-3%	-3%	-1%	-2%	-1%	0%	-1%	-2%
	Hillsboro	0%	-1%	-2%	-2%	-1%	-3%	-1%	0%	0%	-2%
	Vancouver CBD	-2%	0%	0%	-1%	-2%	-1%	-3%	-4%	-3%	0%

		PARK B-R - Transit									
		To									
From	TAZ	Portland				Oregon	Clackamas	Vancouver			
		CBD	PDX	Gateway	Gresham	City	TC	Tualatin	Beaverton	Hillsboro	CBD
From	Portland CBD	--	0%	0%	0%	-2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-4%
	PDX	0%	--	0%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-2%
	Gateway	0%	0%	--	0%	-1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-3%
	Gresham	0%	0%	0%	--	-1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-2%
	Oregon City	1%	0%	-1%	0%	--	-1%	-1%	0%	0%	-1%
	Clackamas TC	0%	0%	0%	0%	-2%	--	0%	0%	0%	-2%
	Tualatin	0%	0%	0%	0%	-1%	0%	--	0%	0%	-2%
	Beaverton	0%	0%	0%	0%	-2%	0%	0%	--	0%	-2%
	Hillsboro	0%	0%	0%	0%	-2%	0%	0%	0%	--	-2%
	Vancouver CBD	-2%	0%	-1%	0%	5%	-1%	-1%	-1%	-1%	--

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		RD A - Auto									
		To									
From	TAZ	Portland				Oregon	Clackamas	Vancouver			
		CBD	PDX	Gateway	Gresham	City	TC	Tualatin	Beaverton	Hillsboro	CBD
From	Portland CBD	0%	-4%	-13%	-9%	1%	1%	-10%	-4%	-4%	-7%
	PDX	-2%	0%	0%	-9%	-12%	-11%	-8%	-4%	-4%	3%
	Gateway	-10%	1%	0%	4%	-13%	-12%	-12%	-9%	-8%	1%
	Gresham	-2%	2%	6%	2%	0%	-5%	-4%	-5%	-5%	-6%
	Oregon City	2%	-12%	-13%	-8%	1%	-8%	-10%	-14%	-2%	-10%
	Clackamas TC	3%	-10%	-12%	-4%	-9%	0%	-12%	2%	-2%	-8%
	Tualatin	-9%	-8%	-13%	-12%	-15%	-14%	0%	-12%	1%	-9%
	Beaverton	-3%	-6%	-11%	-8%	-14%	2%	-12%	0%	2%	-7%
	Hillsboro	-6%	-7%	-10%	-9%	2%	-4%	1%	1%	0%	-8%
	Vancouver CBD	-5%	1%	0%	5%	-10%	-8%	-10%	-8%	-7%	0%

		RD A - Transit									
		To									
From	TAZ	Portland				Oregon	Clackamas	Vancouver			
		CBD	PDX	Gateway	Gresham	City	TC	Tualatin	Beaverton	Hillsboro	CBD
From	Portland CBD	--	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-7%
	PDX	0%	--	0%	0%	-2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-3%
	Gateway	0%	0%	--	0%	-2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-4%
	Gresham	0%	0%	0%	--	-1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-3%
	Oregon City	-1%	0%	0%	0%	--	-1%	0%	-1%	-1%	-3%
	Clackamas TC	0%	0%	0%	0%	-3%	--	0%	0%	0%	-3%
	Tualatin	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	--	0%	0%	-3%
	Beaverton	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	--	0%	-4%
	Hillsboro	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	--	-2%
	Vancouver CBD	-7%	-1%	-1%	-1%	-3%	-2%	-3%	-4%	-3%	--

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		RD B - Auto									
		To									
From	TAZ	Portland				Oregon	Clackamas	Vancouver			
		CBD	PDX	Gateway	Gresham	City	TC	Tualatin	Beaverton	Hillsboro	CBD
From	Portland CBD	0%	-7%	-24%	4%	3%	5%	-16%	-5%	-8%	-13%
	PDX	-2%	0%	4%	9%	-19%	-16%	-13%	-4%	-7%	5%
	Gateway	-15%	4%	0%	12%	-21%	-18%	-21%	-15%	-14%	3%
	Gresham	11%	3%	10%	2%	2%	5%	-6%	-7%	-9%	-6%
	Oregon City	6%	-17%	-19%	5%	3%	-11%	6%	-19%	10%	-15%
	Clackamas TC	8%	11%	-17%	6%	-15%	-1%	-18%	7%	-2%	-13%
	Tualatin	-14%	-13%	-22%	-6%	-22%	-23%	0%	-19%	4%	-16%
	Beaverton	-3%	-9%	-18%	-3%	-22%	6%	-19%	0%	4%	-13%
	Hillsboro	-7%	-10%	-16%	-6%	7%	-1%	4%	4%	0%	-13%
	Vancouver CBD	-7%	2%	2%	8%	-15%	-11%	-17%	-12%	-12%	0%

		RD B - Transit									
		To									
From	TAZ	Portland				Oregon	Clackamas	Vancouver			
		CBD	PDX	Gateway	Gresham	City	TC	Tualatin	Beaverton	Hillsboro	CBD
From	Portland CBD	--	0%	0%	0%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-12%
	PDX	0%	--	0%	0%	-2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-5%
	Gateway	0%	0%	--	0%	-2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-6%
	Gresham	0%	0%	0%	--	-2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-4%
	Oregon City	-1%	0%	0%	0%	--	0%	2%	-1%	-1%	-5%
	Clackamas TC	0%	0%	0%	0%	-4%	--	0%	0%	0%	-4%
	Tualatin	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	0%	--	0%	0%	-5%
	Beaverton	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	0%	0%	--	0%	-6%
	Hillsboro	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	--	-4%
	Vancouver CBD	-13%	-3%	-4%	-3%	-5%	-4%	-6%	-7%	-5%	--



Appendix D.1 Model Data Summary - Congestion outputs

	Base		VMT B		VMT C		COR A		COR B		PARK A		PARK B		RD A		RD B	
PM 2-HR Congested links (0.9<=vc<1)	miles	share	miles	share	miles	share	miles	share	miles	share	miles	share	miles	share	miles	share	miles	share
Total	88.3	2.3%	76.6	2.0%	70.1	1.9%	79.9	2.1%	76.3	2.0%	86.2	2.3%	79.9	2.1%	66.4	1.8%	71.9	1.9%
<i>change from Base</i>			-11.8	-13.3%	-18.2	-20.6%	-8.5	-9.6%	-12.1	-13.7%	-2.2	-2.5%	-8.5	-9.6%	-22.0	-24.9%	-16.5	-18.7%
Freeway	40.9	17.4%	36.0	15.3%	33.4	14.2%	39.4	16.7%	37.1	15.8%	40.2	17.1%	37.9	16.1%	17.9	7.6%	5.9	2.5%
<i>change from Base</i>			-4.9	-11.9%	-7.5	-18.4%	-1.5	-3.7%	-3.7	-9.1%	-0.7	-1.7%	-3.0	-7.3%	-23.0	-56.3%	-35.0	-85.5%
Arterial	47.5	1.3%	40.6	1.1%	36.7	1.0%	40.5	1.1%	39.1	1.1%	46.0	1.3%	42.0	1.2%	48.5	1.4%	65.9	1.9%
<i>change from Base</i>			-6.9	-14.5%	-10.7	-22.6%	-7.0	-14.7%	-8.3	-17.6%	-1.5	-3.1%	-5.5	-11.5%	1.0	2.1%	18.5	38.9%
PM 2-HR Severely Congested (vc>1)	miles	share	miles	share	miles	share	miles	share	miles	share	miles	share	miles	share	miles	share	miles	share
Total	52.3	1.4%	40.8	1.1%	31.5	0.8%	48.5	1.3%	49.1	1.3%	47.2	1.3%	42.8	1.1%	44.5	1.2%	46.4	1.2%
<i>change from Base</i>			-11.5	-22.0%	-20.8	-39.8%	-3.8	-7.3%	-3.2	-6.1%	-5.1	-9.8%	-9.5	-18.1%	-7.8	-14.9%	-5.9	-11.3%
Freeway	18.4	7.8%	13.6	5.8%	11.6	4.9%	16.9	7.2%	18.4	7.8%	15.4	6.6%	14.4	6.1%	7.5	3.2%	3.6	1.5%
<i>change from Base</i>			-4.8	-25.8%	-6.9	-37.2%	-1.5	-8.2%	0.0	0.0%	-3.0	-16.2%	-4.0	-21.8%	-10.9	-59.2%	-14.8	-80.5%
Arterial	33.9	1.0%	27.1	0.8%	19.9	0.6%	31.6	0.9%	30.7	0.9%	31.8	0.9%	28.4	0.8%	37.0	1.0%	42.8	1.2%
<i>change from Base</i>			-6.8	-20.0%	-14.0	-41.3%	-2.3	-6.7%	-3.2	-9.4%	-2.1	-6.3%	-5.5	-16.1%	3.1	9.1%	8.9	26.3%
PM 2-HR Pass Veh Hours of Delay	miles	share	miles	share	miles	share	miles	share	miles	share	miles	share	miles	share	miles	share	miles	share
Total	9207	6.8%	7281	5.7%	5762	4.8%	9860	7.5%	9676	7.4%	8581	6.4%	7748	6.0%	6000	4.6%	5631	4.4%
<i>change from Base</i>			-1926	-20.9%	-3445	-37.4%	653	7.1%	468	5.1%	-626	-6.8%	-1459	-15.9%	-3207	-34.8%	-3576	-38.8%
Freeway	5675	4.2%	4420	3.5%	3410	2.8%	6233	4.7%	6059	4.6%	5292	4.0%	4758	3.7%	2270	1.8%	1078	0.8%
<i>change from Base</i>			-1255	-22.1%	-2265	-39.9%	558	9.8%	384	6.8%	-382	-6.7%	-917	-16.2%	-3405	-60.0%	-4597	-81.0%
Arterial	3533	2.6%	2862	2.2%	2352	2.0%	3627	2.8%	3617	2.8%	3289	2.5%	2990	2.3%	3731	2.9%	4553	3.5%
<i>change from Base</i>			-671	-19.0%	-1180	-33.4%	95	2.7%	84	2.4%	-244	-6.9%	-543	-15.4%	198	5.6%	1021	28.9%
PM 2-HR Average Pass Veh Speed	26.1		26.7		27.2		26.2		26.1		26.3		26.7		26.6		26.2	
PM 2-HR Truck Hrs of Delay on Frt Net	287		241		203		313		324		279		264		164		123	
<i>change from Base</i>			-46	-16.2%	-84	-29.4%	25	8.8%	36	12.6%	-9	-3.0%	-23	-8.1%	-124	-43.0%	-164	-57.2%
AWD Total Transit Trips	462496		470237		486312		488174		494745		470973		509588		466494		472576	
<i>change from Base</i>			7741	1.7%	23816	5.1%	25679	5.6%	32249	7.0%	8478	1.8%	47093	10.2%	3999	0.9%	10080	2.2%
Transit Percent of Person Trips	6.3%		6.4%		6.6%		6.7%		6.7%		6.4%		7.0%		6.4%		6.4%	

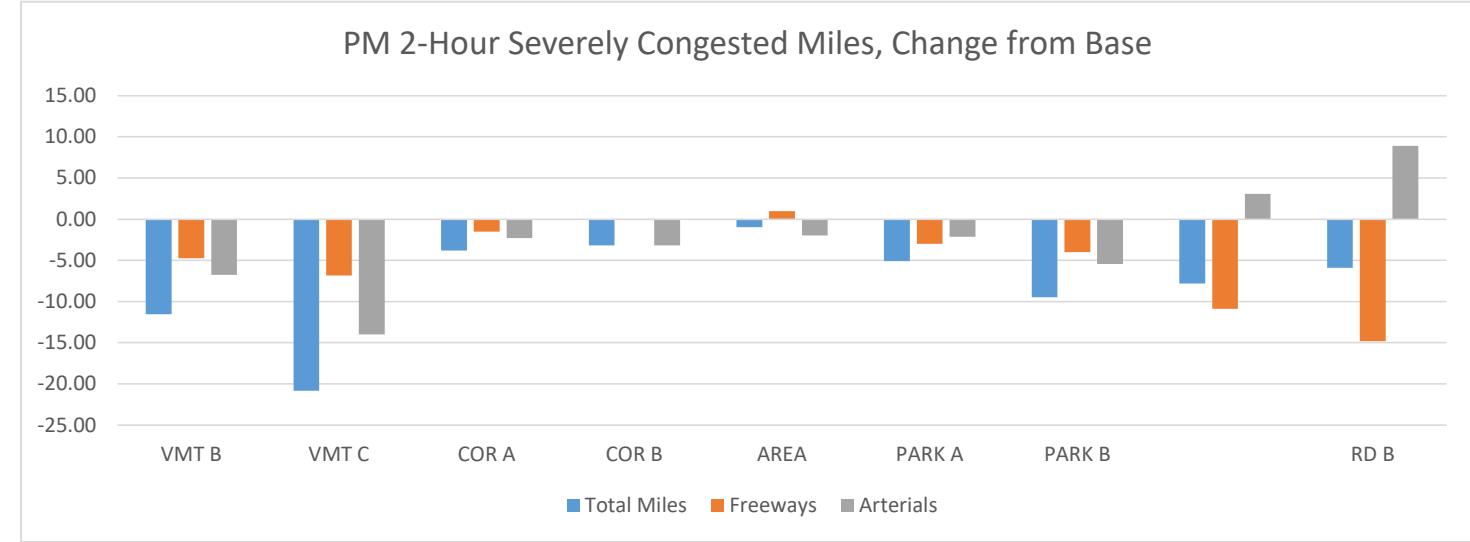
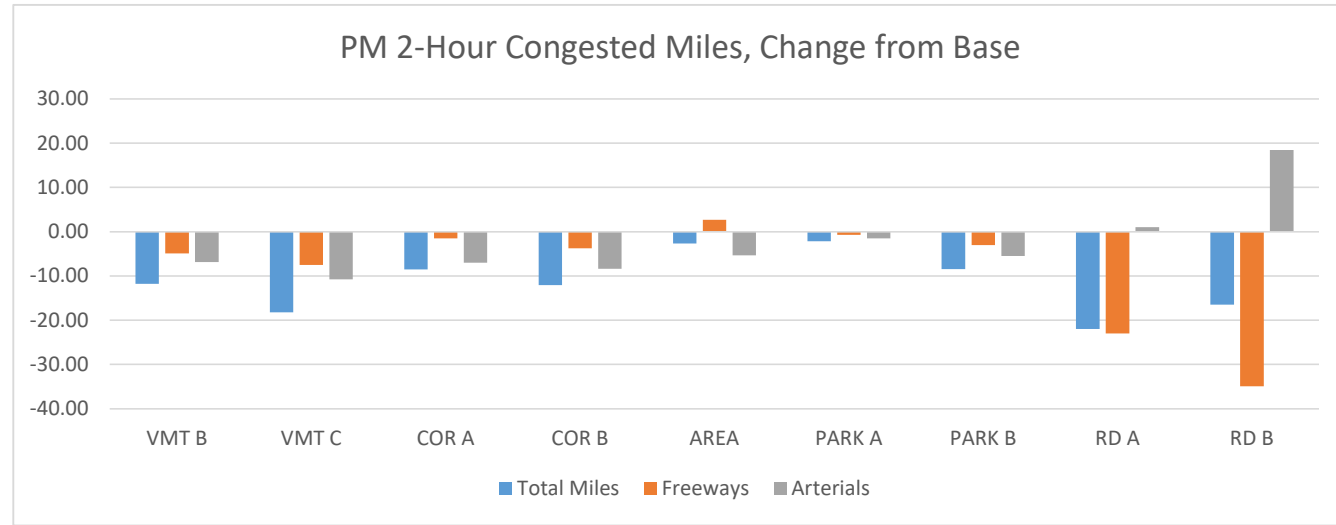


Figure 1.4-5 Total Daily Transit Trips, Change from Base

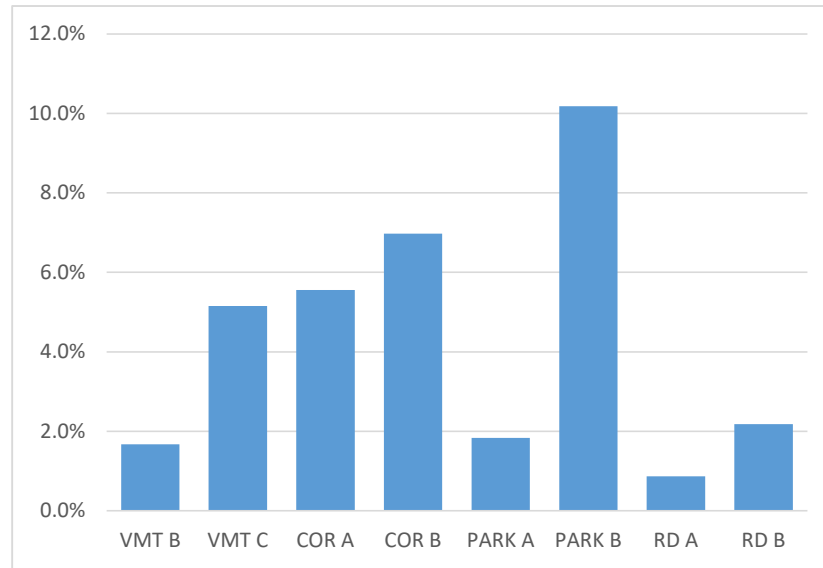
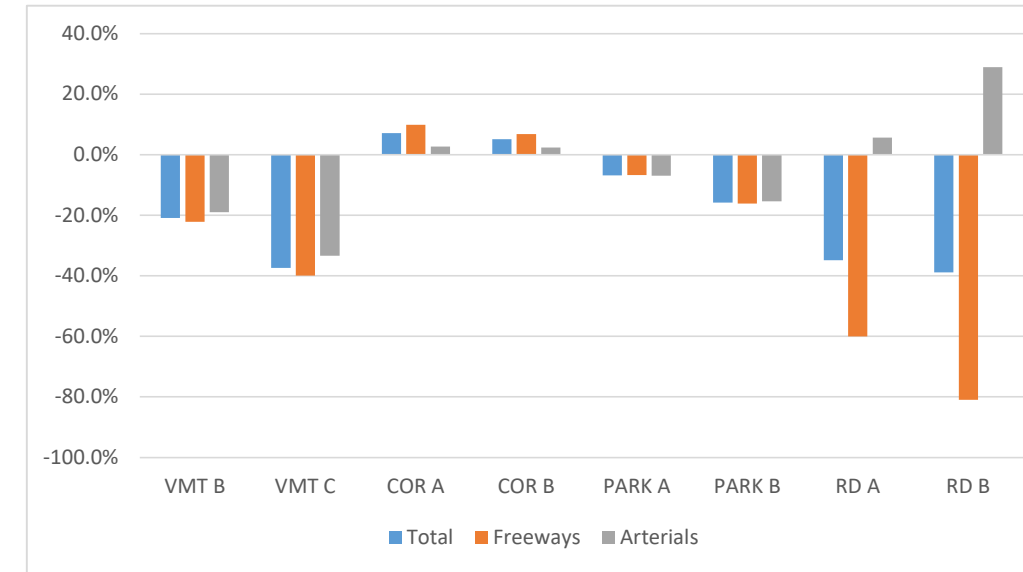


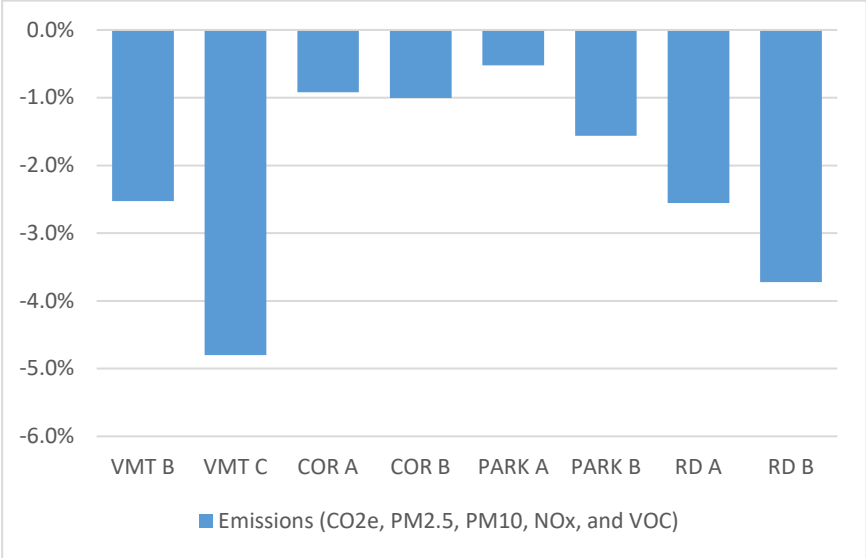
Figure 1.4-6 Change in Vehicle Hours of Delay - Region



Data from MCE outputs

	VMT B	VMT C	COR A	COR B	PARK A	PARK B	RD A	RD B
% change	-2.5%	-4.8%	-0.9%	-1.0%	-0.5%	-1.6%	-2.6%	-3.7%

Figure 1.4-11. Change in Emissions - Region



**BY AUTO**

Average number of jobs accessible w/in a typical commute time <sup>1</sup> for different communities, PM 2-HR									
	Base	VMT B	VMT C	COR A	COR B	PARK A	PARK B	RD A	RD B
All Zones	431,056	450,316	466,243	423,924	421,609	435,753	444,035	455,838	447,686
Equity Zones	473,250	489,267	502,353	471,586	469,267	477,160	483,845	492,285	481,407
Non-Equity Zones	405,047	426,307	443,984	394,546	392,233	410,231	419,496	433,372	426,900

Average percentage of all jobs accessible w/in a typical commute time <sup>1</sup> for different communities, PM 2-HR									
	Base	VMT B	VMT C	COR A	COR B	PARK A	PARK B	RD A	RD B
All Zones	40.2%	42.0%	43.5%	39.6%	39.4%	40.7%	42.6%	42.6%	41.8%
Equity Zones	44.2%	45.7%	46.9%	44.0%	43.8%	44.6%	46.0%	46.0%	44.9%
Non-Equity Zones	37.8%	39.8%	41.5%	36.8%	36.6%	38.3%	40.5%	40.5%	39.9%

Change from Base: Jobs Accessible W/in a Typical Commute Time <sup>1</sup> for Diff Communities, PM 2-HR									
	VMT B	VMT C	COR A	COR B	PARK A	PARK B	RD A	RD B	
All Jobs									
Region	19,260	35,187	(7,132)	(9,446)	4,698	12,979	24,782	16,630	
Equity Focus Areas	16,016	29,103	(1,664)	(3,983)	3,909	10,594	19,035	8,157	
Non-Equity Focus Areas	21,260	38,937	(10,501)	(12,814)	5,184	14,449	28,325	21,853	

Change from Base: Jobs Accessible W/in a Typical Commute Time <sup>1</sup> for Diff Communities, PM 2-HR									
	VMT B	VMT C	COR A	COR B	PARK A	PARK B	RD A	RD B	
All Jobs									
Region	4.47%	8.16%	-1.65%	-2.19%	1.09%	3.01%	5.75%	3.86%	
Equity Focus Areas	3.38%	6.15%	-0.35%	-0.84%	0.83%	2.24%	4.02%	1.72%	
Non-Equity Focus Areas	5.25%	9.61%	-2.59%	-3.16%	1.28%	3.57%	6.99%	5.40%	

Percent change of jobs accessible compared to All Zones									
	Base	VMT B	VMT C	COR A	COR B	PARK A	PARK B	RD A	RD B
Equity Zones	9.8%	8.6%	7.7%	11.2%	11.3%	9.5%	9.0%	8.0%	7.5%
Non-Equity Zones	-6.0%	-5.3%	-4.8%	-6.9%	-7.0%	-5.9%	-5.5%	-4.9%	-4.6%

Average number of middle-wage jobs accessible w/in a typical commute time <sup>1</sup> for different communities, PM 2-HR									
	Base	VMT B	VMT C	COR A	COR B	PARK A	PARK B	RD A	RD B
All Zones	118,411	123,695	128,076	116,444	115,807	119,696	121,969	125,205	122,962
Equity Zones	130,072	134,462	138,056	129,630	128,985	131,145	132,984	135,289	132,312
Non-Equity Zones	111,223	117,058	121,925	108,316	107,685	112,639	115,179	118,990	117,199

Average percentage of middle-wage jobs accessible w/in a typical commute time <sup>1</sup> for different communities, PM 2-HR									
	Base	VMT B	VMT C	COR A	COR B	PARK A	PARK B	RD A	RD B
All Zones	11.1%	45.6%	47.2%	10.9%	43%	44.1%	46.2%	46.2%	45.3%
Equity Zones	12.1%	49.6%	50.9%	12.1%	48%	48.4%	49.9%	49.9%	48.8%
Non-Equity Zones	10.4%	43.2%	45.0%	10.1%	40%	41.5%	43.9%	43.9%	43.2%

Percent change of mid-wage jobs accessible compared to All Zones									
	Base	VMT B	VMT C	COR A	COR B	PARK A	PARK B	RD A	RD B
Equity Zones	9.8%	8.7%	7.8%	11.3%	11.4%	9.6%	9.0%	8.1%	7.6%
Non-Equity Zones	-6.1%	-5.4%	-4.8%	-7.0%	-7.0%	-5.9%	-5.6%	-5.0%	-4.7%

Average Number of Community Places <sup>2</sup> Accessible W/in a Typical Commute Time <sup>1</sup> for Diff Communities, PM 2-HR									
	Base	VMT B	VMT C	COR A	COR B	PARK A	PARK B	RD A	RD B
All Zones	1,537	1,702	1,768	1,636	1,627	1,649	1,688	1,700	1,667
Equity Zones	1,499	1,651	1,707	1,621	1,605	1,606	1,638	1,661	1,628
Non-Equity Zones	1,560	1,733	1,806	1,645	1,641	1,675	1,719	1,724	1,690

Percent change of community places accessible compared to All Zones									
	Base	VMT B	VMT C	COR A	COR B	PARK A	PARK B	RD A	RD B
Equity Zones	-2.5%	-3.0%	-3.4%	-0.9%	-1.4%	-2.6%	-2.9%	-2.3%	-2.3%
Non-Equity Zones	1.5%	1.8%	2.1%	0.6%	0.8%	1.6%	1.8%	1.4%	1.4%

Change from Base: Community Places Accessible W/in a Typical Commute Time <sup>1</sup> for Diff Communities, PM 2-HR									
	VMT B	VMT C	COR A	COR B	PARK A	PARK B	RD A	RD B	
All Zones	165	231	99	91	112	151	163	130	
Equity Focus Areas	153	209	122	106	108	140	162	130	
Non-Equity Focus Areas	172	245	85	81	114	158	164	130	

Change from Base: Community Places Accessible W/in a Typical Commute Time <sup>1</sup> for Diff Communities, PM 2-HR									
	VMT B	VMT C	COR A	COR B	PARK A	PARK B	RD A	RD B	
Region	10.72%	15.05%	6.45%	5.89%	7.27%	9.85%	10.61%	8.44%	
Equity Focus Areas	10.18%	13.94%	8.14%	7.10%	7.18%	9.34%	10.82%	8.66%	
Non-Equity Focus Areas	11.03%	15.71%	5.44%	5.17%	7.32%	10.15%	10.49%	8.31%	

<sup>1</sup> Typical Commute Times		
Mode	Travel Time Community Places	Travel Time Job Access
Auto	20 minutes	30 minutes
Transit	30 minutes	45 minutes

<sup>2</sup> **Community places** include hospitals and other medical services, civic places such as post offices, churches, social services, libraries, schools and colleges, financial institutions, grocery stores, and essential retail services such as hardware stores, pharmacies, and laundry services

Figure 1.4-12. Change in Jobs Accessible by Auto

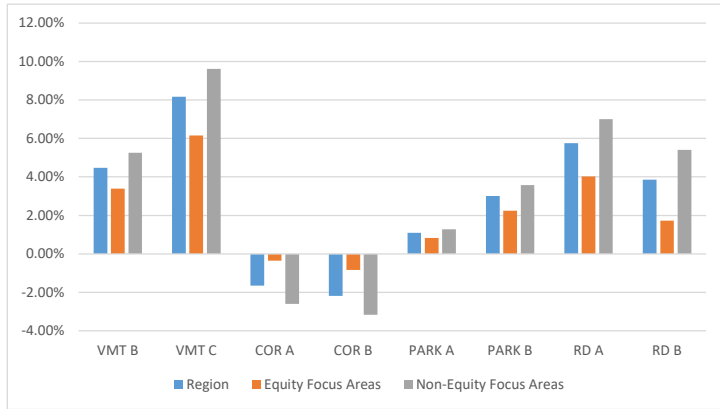
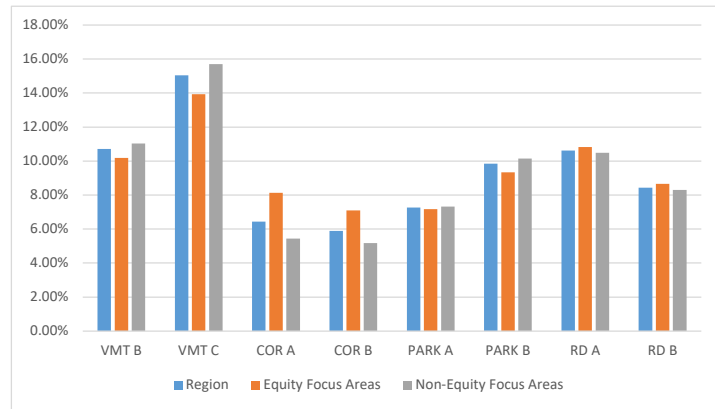


Figure ?. Change in Community Places Accessible by Auto



BY TRANSIT									
Average number of jobs accessible w/in a typical commute time <sup>1</sup> for different communities, PM 2-HR									
	Base	VMT B	VMT C	COR A	COR B	PARK A	PARK B	RD A	RD B
All zones	107,864	109,097	110,058	108,817	108,789	108,242	108,831	107,625	106,394
Equity Zones	135,194	136,216	137,049	135,823	135,750	135,488	135,902	134,804	133,288
Non-Equity Zones	91,019	92,381	93,422	92,171	92,171	91,447	92,145	90,872	89,816
Average percentage of all jobs accessible w/in a typical commute time <sup>1</sup> for different communities, PM 2-HR									
	Base	VMT B	VMT C	COR A	COR B	PARK A	PARK B	RD A	RD B
All zones	10.1%	10.2%	10.3%	10.2%	10.2%	10.1%	10.0%	10.0%	9.9%
Equity Zones	12.6%	12.7%	12.8%	12.7%	12.7%	12.7%	12.6%	12.6%	12.4%
Non-Equity Zones	43.1%	39.8%	41.5%	36.8%	36.6%	38.3%	40.5%	40.5%	39.9%
Change from Base: Jobs Accessible W/in a Typical Commute Time <sup>1</sup> for Diff Communities, PM 2-HR									
All Jobs	VMT B	VMT C	COR A	COR B	PARK A	PARK B	RD A	RD B	
Region	1,233	2,194	953	925	377	967	(239)	(1,471)	
Equity Focus Areas	1,022	1,855	629	557	295	708	(390)	(1,906)	
Non-Equity Focus Areas	1,363	2,403	1,153	1,152	428	1,126	(147)	(1,203)	
Change from Base: Jobs Accessible W/in a Typical Commute Time <sup>1</sup> for Diff Communities, PM 2-HR									
All Jobs	VMT B	VMT C	COR A	COR B	PARK A	PARK B	RD A	RD B	
Region	1.14%	2.03%	0.88%	0.86%	0.35%	0.90%	-0.22%	-1.36%	
Equity Focus Areas	0.76%	1.37%	0.47%	0.41%	0.22%	0.52%	-0.29%	-1.41%	
Non-Equity Focus Areas	1.50%	2.64%	1.27%	1.27%	0.47%	1.24%	-0.16%	-1.32%	
Percent change of jobs accessible compared to All Zones									
	Base	VMT B	VMT C	COR A	COR B	PARK A	PARK B	RD A	RD B
Equity Zones	25.3%	24.9%	24.5%	24.8%	24.8%	25.2%	24.9%	25.3%	25.3%
Non-Equity Zones	-15.6%	-15.3%	-15.1%	-15.3%	-15.3%	-15.5%	-15.3%	-15.6%	-15.6%
Average number of middle-wage jobs accessible w/in a typical commute time <sup>1</sup> for different communities, PM 2-HR									
	Base	VMT B	VMT C	COR A	COR B	PARK A	PARK B	RD A	RD B
All zones	29,564	29,899	30,163	29,820	29,814	29,666	29,827	29,497	29,160
Equity Zones	37,111	37,393	37,621	37,281	37,260	37,191	37,307	37,001	36,589
Non-Equity Zones	24,912	25,280	25,566	25,221	25,223	25,028	25,217	24,872	24,581
Average percentage of middle-wage jobs accessible w/in a typical commute time <sup>1</sup> for different communities, PM 2-HR									
	Base	VMT B	VMT C	COR A	COR B	PARK A	PARK B	RD A	RD B
All zones	2.8%	11.0%	11.1%	2.8%	11.0%	10.9%	10.9%	10.9%	10.8%
Equity Zones	3.5%	13.8%	13.9%	3.5%	13.7%	13.7%	13.6%	13.6%	13.5%
Non-Equity Zones	2.3%	9.3%	9.4%	2.4%	9.3%	9.2%	9.2%	9.2%	9.1%
Percent change of mid-wage jobs accessible compared to All Zones									
	Base	VMT B	VMT C	COR A	COR B	PARK A	PARK B	RD A	RD B
Equity Zones	25.5%	25.1%	24.7%	25.0%	25.0%	25.4%	25.1%	25.4%	25.5%
Non-Equity Zones	-15.7%	-15.4%	-15.2%	-15.4%	-15.4%	-15.6%	-15.5%	-15.7%	-15.7%
Average Number of Community Places <sup>2</sup> Accessible W/in a Typical Commute Time <sup>1</sup> for Diff Communities, PM 2-HR									
	Base	VMT B	VMT C	COR A	COR B	PARK A	PARK B	RD A	RD B
All zones	425	459	464	462	460	455	459	451	445
Equity Zones	468	502	507	501	501	498	501	494	488
Non-Equity Zones	399	433	438	437	435	429	433	425	418
Percent change of community places accessible compared to All Zones									
	Base	VMT B	VMT C	COR A	COR B	PARK A	PARK B	RD A	RD B
Equity Zones	10.1%	9.4%	9.2%	8.6%	8.9%	9.5%	9.2%	9.5%	9.6%
Non-Equity Zones	-6.2%	-5.8%	-5.6%	-5.3%	-5.5%	-5.8%	-5.7%	-5.9%	-5.9%
Change from Base: Community Places Accessible W/in a Typical Commute Time <sup>1</sup> for Diff Communities, PM 2-HR									
All Zones	VMT B	VMT C	COR A	COR B	PARK A	PARK B	RD A	RD B	
Equity Focus Areas	34	39	33	33	30	33	26	20	
Non-Equity Focus Areas	34	39	38	37	30	34	26	20	
Change from Base: Community Accessible W/in a Typical Commute Time <sup>1</sup> for Diff Communities, PM 2-HR									
Region	VMT B	VMT C	COR A	COR B	PARK A	PARK B	RD A	RD B	
Equity Focus Areas	8.05%	9.23%	8.56%	8.30%	7.11%	7.99%	6.19%	4.59%	
Non-Equity Focus Areas	7.34%	8.31%	7.10%	7.11%	6.50%	7.13%	5.63%	4.18%	
Non-Equity Focus Areas	8.56%	9.89%	9.61%	9.17%	7.55%	8.61%	6.59%	4.89%	



<sup>1</sup> Typical Commute Times		
Mode	Travel Time Community Places	Travel Time Job Access
Auto	20 minutes	30 minutes
Transit	30 minutes	45 minutes

<sup>2</sup>Community places include hospitals and other medical services, civic places such as post offices, churches, social services, libraries, schools and colleges, financial institutions, grocery stores, and essential retail services such as hardware stores, pharmacies, and laundry services

Figure 1.4-14. Change in Jobs Accessible by Transit

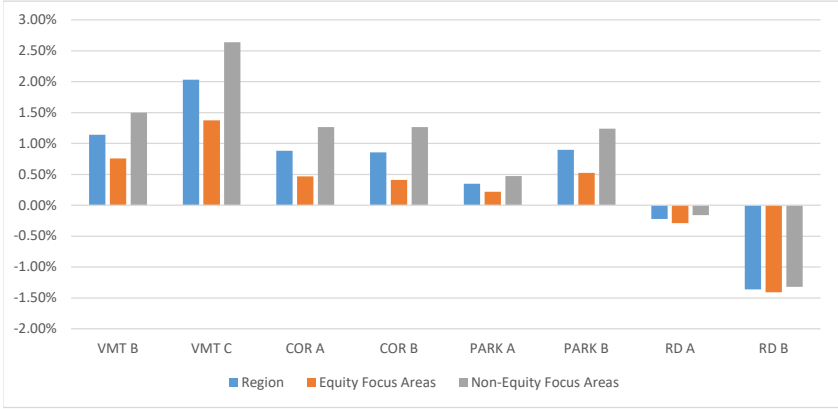
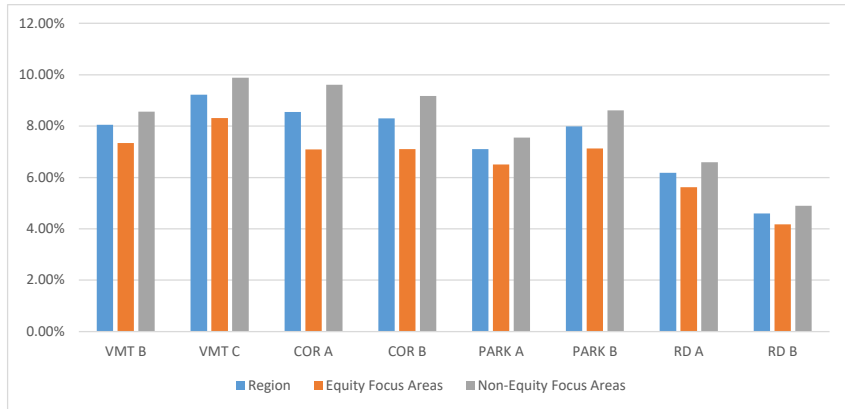


Figure ?. Change in Community Places Accessible by Transit



Appendix D.1 Model Data Summary - Cost outputs

RCPS Scenario	Operating K	Toll K	Parking K	Trfare K	Totcost K
BASE	\$8,108	\$0	\$2,333	\$689	\$11,130
VMT B	\$9,580	\$0	\$2,308	\$700	\$12,589
VMT C	\$10,786	\$0	\$2,247	\$724	\$13,757
COR A	\$7,986	\$489	\$1,997	\$727	\$11,199
COR B	\$7,954	\$641	\$1,914	\$736	\$11,245
AREA A	\$8,002	\$387	\$2,083	\$714	\$11,185
PARK A	\$7,940	\$0	\$2,427	\$764	\$11,131
PARK B	\$8,061	\$0	\$2,396	\$702	\$11,159
RD A	\$7,869	\$971	\$2,303	\$698	\$11,841
RD B	\$7,702	\$1,128	\$2,269	\$710	\$11,808

Change from Base					
RCPS Scenario	Operating K	Toll K	Parking K	Trfare K	Totcost K
VMT B	\$1,472	\$0	-\$25	\$11	\$1,459
VMT C	\$2,678	\$0	-\$86	\$35	\$2,627
COR A	-\$122	\$489	-\$336	\$38	\$69
COR B	-\$154	\$641	-\$419	\$47	\$115
AREA A	-\$106	\$387	-\$251	\$25	\$55
PARK A	-\$46	\$0	\$63	\$13	\$29
PARK B	-\$168	\$0	\$94	\$75	\$1
RD A	-\$238	\$971	-\$30	\$9	\$712
RD B	-\$406	\$1,128	-\$64	\$21	\$678

Percent Change from Base					
RCPS Scenario	Operating K	Toll K	Parking K	Trfare K	Totcost K
VMT B	18.16%	0.00%	-0.31%	0.14%	17.99%
VMT C	27.95%	0.00%	-0.90%	0.37%	27.42%
COR A	-1.13%	4.54%	-3.12%	0.35%	0.64%
COR B	-1.93%	8.03%	-5.25%	0.59%	1.44%
AREA A	-1.33%	4.86%	-3.15%	0.32%	0.70%
PARK A	-0.58%	0.00%	0.78%	0.16%	0.37%
PARK B	-2.12%	0.00%	1.18%	0.95%	0.01%
RD A	-2.96%	12.05%	-0.38%	0.11%	8.83%
RD B	-5.16%	14.33%	-0.82%	0.26%	8.62%

Appendix D.1 Model Data Summary - Cost outputs

Figure 1.4-15. Total Travel Cost, Change from Base

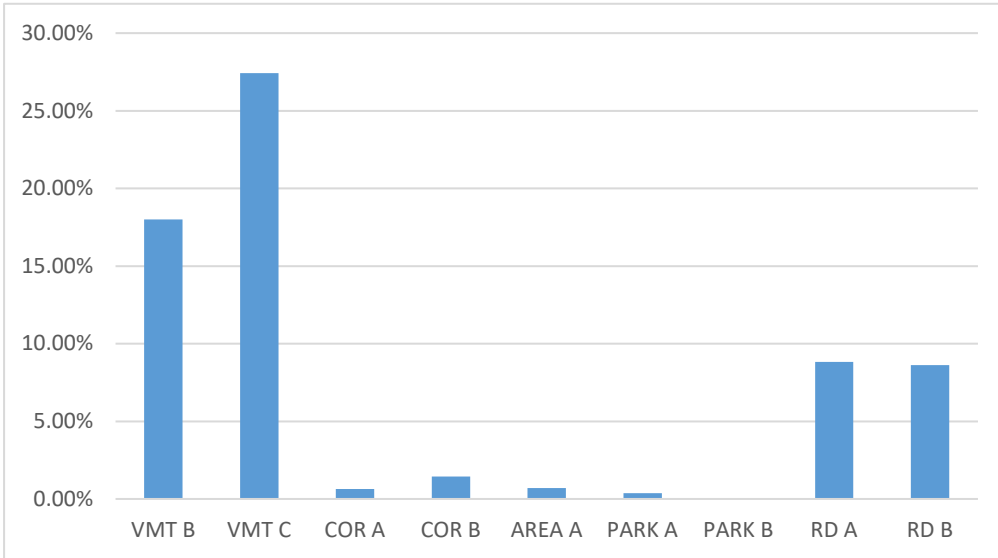
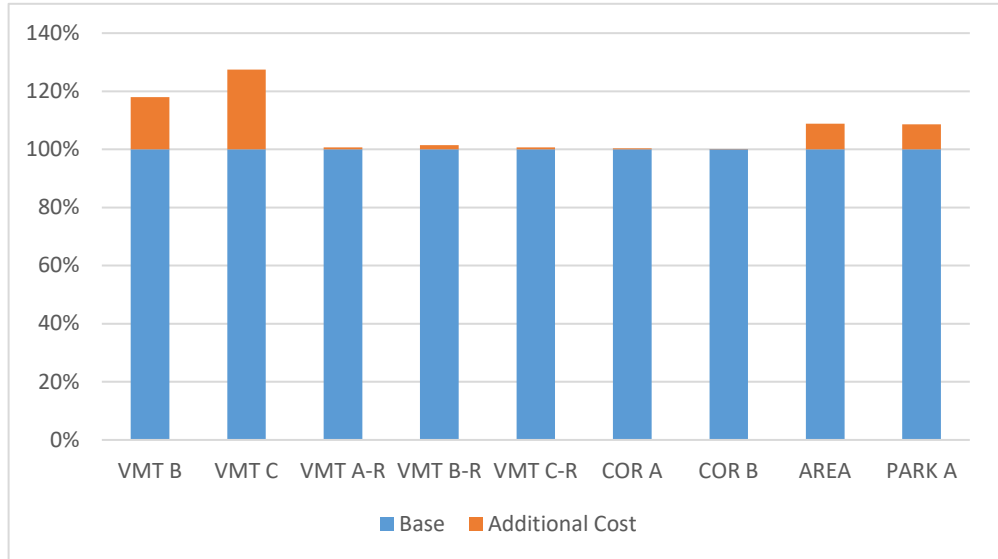


Figure 1.4-16. Total Travel Cost, Increase over Base



## **APPENDIX D.2: INDIVIDUAL TRIP EXAMPLES**

Appendix D.2 Individual Trip Examples

Name	Mode	Trip	VMT B		VMT C		COR A		COR B		PARK A	
			Change in Travel Time	Change in Cost	Change in Travel Time	Change in Cost	Change in Travel Time	Change in Cost	Change in Travel Time	Change in Cost	Change in Travel Time	Change in Cost
Sally	Drive	Oregon City to Swan Island	2.0	\$2.50	4.0	\$4.50	2.0	\$0.00	10.0	\$11.50	1.5	\$0.00
Ben	Transit	Gresham to Gateway	0.0	\$0.00	0.0	\$0.00	0.0	\$0.00	0.0	\$0.00	0.0	\$0.00
Jill	Drive	Beaverton to Hillsboro	1.0	\$1.50	1.5	\$2.50	0.0	\$0.00	0.0	\$0.00	0.0	\$0.50
Jack	Drive	Vancouver to Lloyd Center	0.5	\$1.50	1.0	\$3.00	0.5	\$0.00	0.0	\$5.50	0.0	\$4.00
Martha	Transit	Inner-East Side Portland to Downtown Portland	0.5	\$0.00	0.5	\$0.00	0.5	\$0.00	0.0	\$0.00	0.5	\$0.00
Angela	Drive	Northeast Portland to Hillsboro	2.5	\$2.50	4.5	\$5.00	4.0	\$11.50	4.0	\$11.50	0.0	\$0.00
Roberto	Drive	Woodstock to Downtown Portland	1.0	\$1.00	2.0	\$1.50	2.5	\$5.50	5.0	\$5.50	1.0	\$4.00
Marcus	Transit	Tigard to PSU	0.5	\$0.00	0.5	\$0.00	0.0	\$0.00	0.0	\$0.00	0.0	\$0.00
Sarah	Transit	Lake Oswego to St. Vincent's	1.0	\$0.00	2.0	\$0.00	1.5	\$0.00	1.5	\$0.00	0.5	\$0.00
Mike	Drive	Milwaukie to Wilsonville	1.5	\$2.50	3.0	\$5.00	0.0	\$0.00	0.5	\$0.00	0.0	\$0.50
Carrie	Drive	Vancouver to Downtown Portland	0.5	\$1.50	1.5	\$2.50	1.5	\$5.50	1.5	\$5.50	0.0	\$4.00

## **APPENDIX D.3: EXAMPLE TRIP COSTS**



Additional One-Way Costs For Various Driving Trips (over 2027FC base)											
From	To	Dist. (Total)	Dist. (FWY)	VMT B	VMT C	COR A	COR B	PARK A	PARK B	RD A	RD B
Troutdale Airport	Hillsboro Intel Campus	31.4	29	\$ 2.15	\$ 4.14	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3.83	\$ 7.66
Portland Airport	Bridgeport Village	22.3	20	\$ 1.53	\$ 2.94	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2.64	\$ 5.28
Downtown Beaverton	Oregon City	18.6	18	\$ 1.27	\$ 2.46	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4.46	\$ 2.38	\$ 4.75
Clackamas Town Center	Gateway	7.7	7	\$ 0.53	\$ 1.02	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.40	\$ 2.03	\$ 0.92	\$ 1.85
Gateway	Montgomery Park	9.4	9	\$ 0.64	\$ 1.24	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1.19	\$ 2.38
Adidas Headquarters	Nike Headquarters	12.2	10	\$ 0.84	\$ 1.61	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1.32	\$ 2.64
Downtown Gresham	Lloyd District	14.8	12	\$ 1.01	\$ 1.95	\$ -	\$ 5.63	\$ 3.97	\$16.13	\$ 1.58	\$ 3.17

\*For RD A and RD B, trips are assumed to utilize the throughway.

\*For COR A and COR B, trips not ending in downtown Portland are assumed to remain on the throughways.

Additional Round-Trip Costs For Various Driving Trips (over 2027FC base)												
From	To	Dist. (Total)	Dist. (FWY)	VMT B	VMT C	COR A	COR B	PARK A	PARK B	RD A	RD B	Base Total
Troutdale Airport	Hillsboro Intel Campus	62.8	58	\$ 4.30	\$ 8.29	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7.66	\$15.31	\$ 13.25
Portland Airport	Bridgeport Village	44.6	40	\$ 3.06	\$ 5.89	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5.28	\$10.56	\$ 9.41
Downtown Beaverton	Oregon City	37.2	36	\$ 2.55	\$ 4.91	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4.46	\$ 4.75	\$ 9.50	\$ 9.95
Clackamas Town Center	Gateway	15.4	14	\$ 1.05	\$ 2.03	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.40	\$ 4.46	\$ 1.85	\$ 3.70	\$ 4.48
Gateway	Montgomery Park	18.8	18	\$ 1.29	\$ 2.48	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2.38	\$ 4.75	\$ 3.97
Adidas Headquarters	Nike Headquarters	24.4	20	\$ 1.67	\$ 3.22	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2.64	\$ 5.28	\$ 5.15
Downtown Gresham	Lloyd District	29.6	24	\$ 2.03	\$ 3.91	\$ -	\$ 5.63	\$ 3.97	\$16.13	\$ 3.17	\$ 6.34	\$ 14.44

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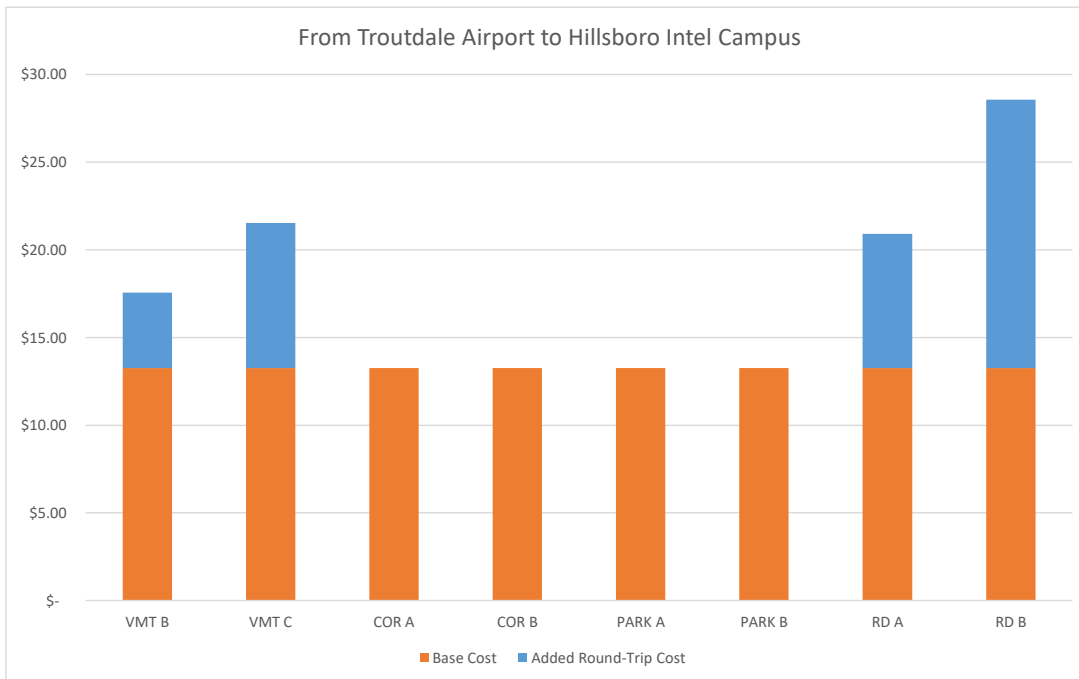
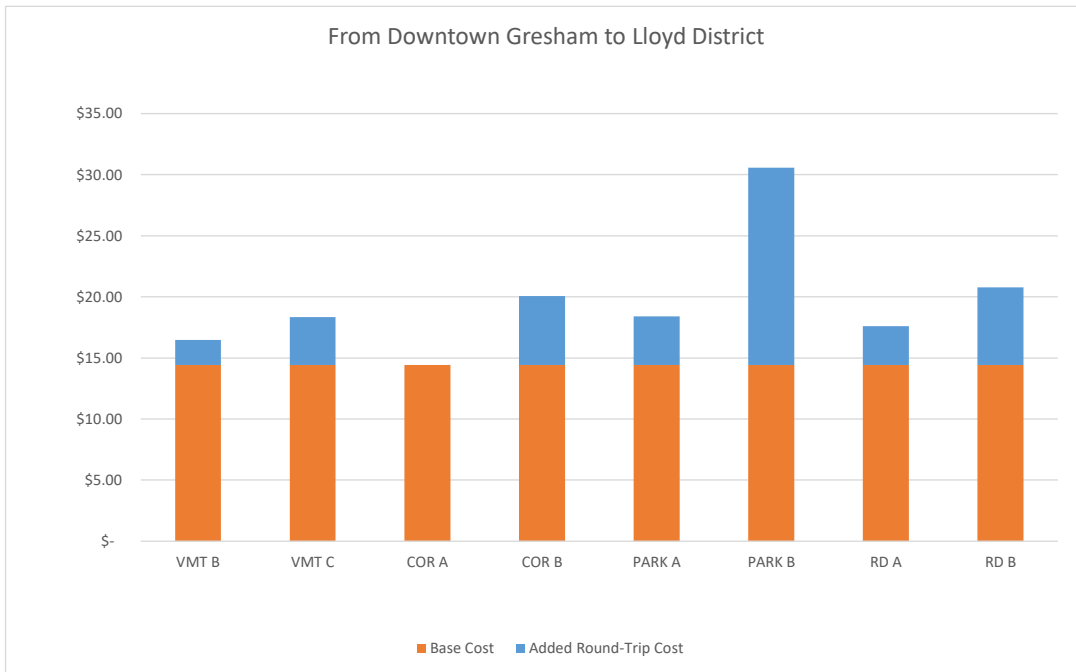
Total Round-Trip Costs For Various Driving Trips (over 2027FC base)												
From	To	Dist. (Total)	Dist. (FWY)	VMT B	VMT C	COR A	COR B	PARK A	PARK B	RD A	RD B	Base Total
Troutdale Airport	Hillsboro Intel Campus	31.4	29	\$17.55	\$21.54	\$13.25	\$13.25	\$13.25	\$13.25	\$20.91	\$28.56	\$ 13.25
Portland Airport	Bridgeport Village	22.3	20	\$12.47	\$15.30	\$ 9.41	\$ 9.41	\$ 9.41	\$ 9.41	\$14.69	\$19.97	\$ 9.41
Downtown Beaverton	Oregon City	18.6	18	\$12.50	\$14.86	\$ 9.95	\$ 9.95	\$ 9.95	\$14.41	\$14.70	\$19.45	\$ 9.95
Clackamas Town Center	Gateway	7.7	7	\$ 5.53	\$ 6.51	\$ 4.48	\$ 4.48	\$ 4.88	\$ 6.51	\$ 6.33	\$ 8.18	\$ 4.48
Gateway	Montgomery Park	9.4	9	\$ 5.25	\$ 6.45	\$ 3.97	\$ 3.97	\$ 3.97	\$ 3.97	\$ 6.34	\$ 8.72	\$ 3.97
Adidas Headquarters	Nike Headquarters	12.2	10	\$ 6.82	\$ 8.37	\$ 5.15	\$ 5.15	\$ 5.15	\$ 5.15	\$ 7.79	\$10.43	\$ 5.15
Downtown Gresham	Lloyd District	14.8	12	\$16.46	\$18.34	\$14.44	\$20.07	\$18.41	\$30.57	\$17.60	\$20.77	\$ 14.44

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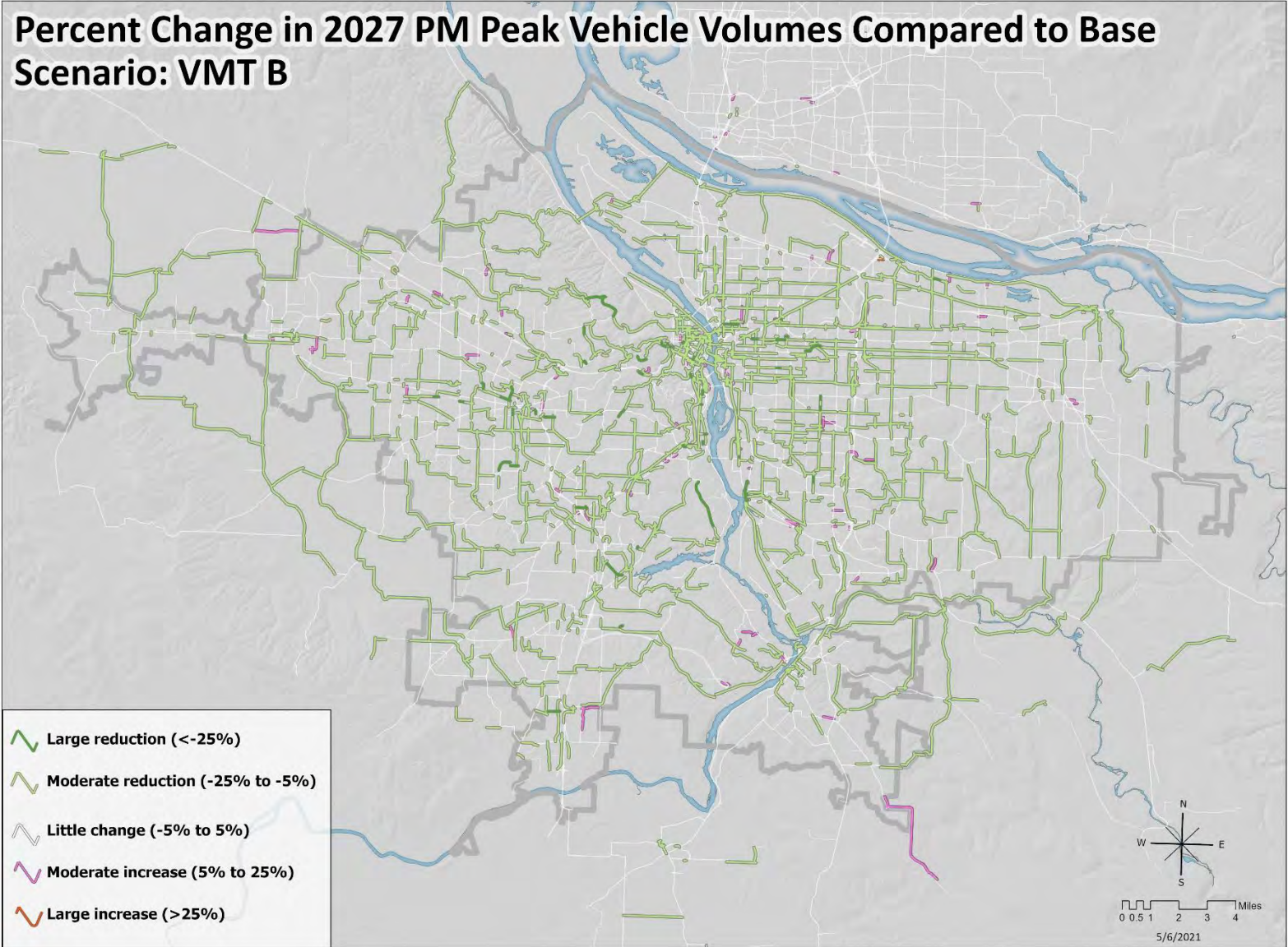
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Portland Airport	Bridgeport Village	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Downtown Beaverton	Oregon City	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Clackamas Town Center	Gateway	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Gateway	Montgomery Park	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Adidas Headquarters	Nike Headquarters	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Downtown Gresham	Lloyd District	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Appendix D.3 Example Trip Costs



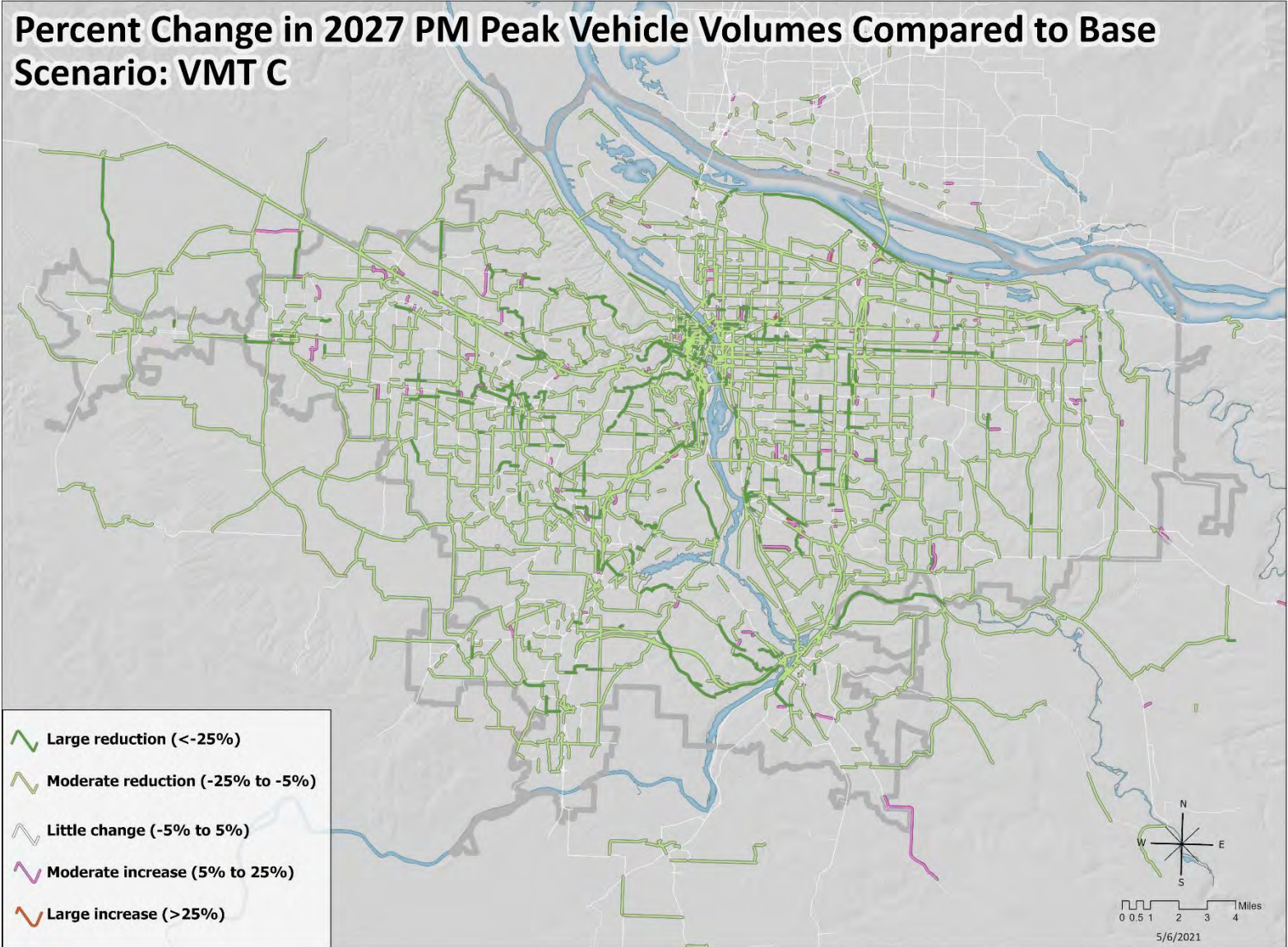
## **APPENDIX D.4: CHANGE IN VEHICLE VOLUMES MAPS**

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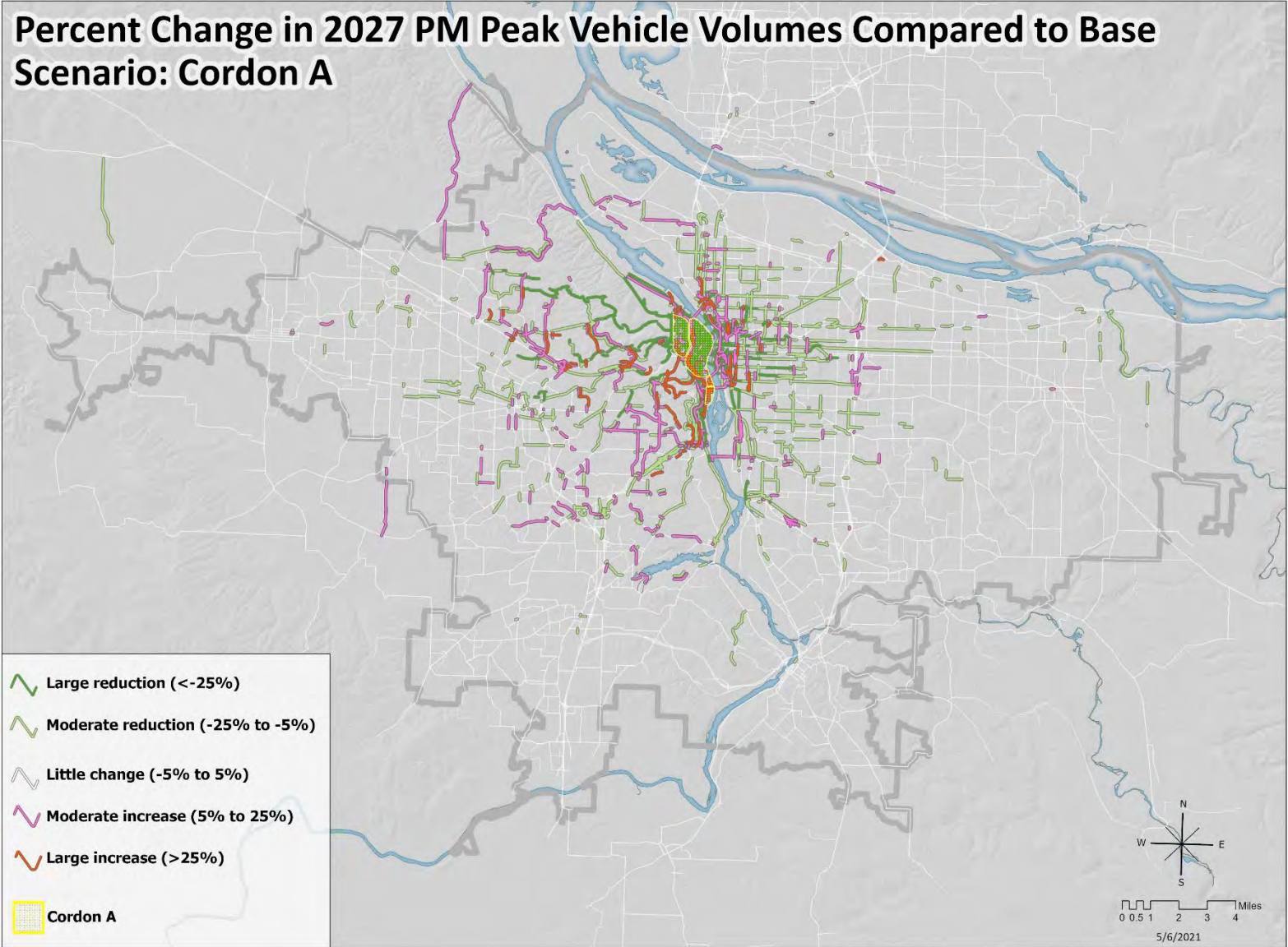




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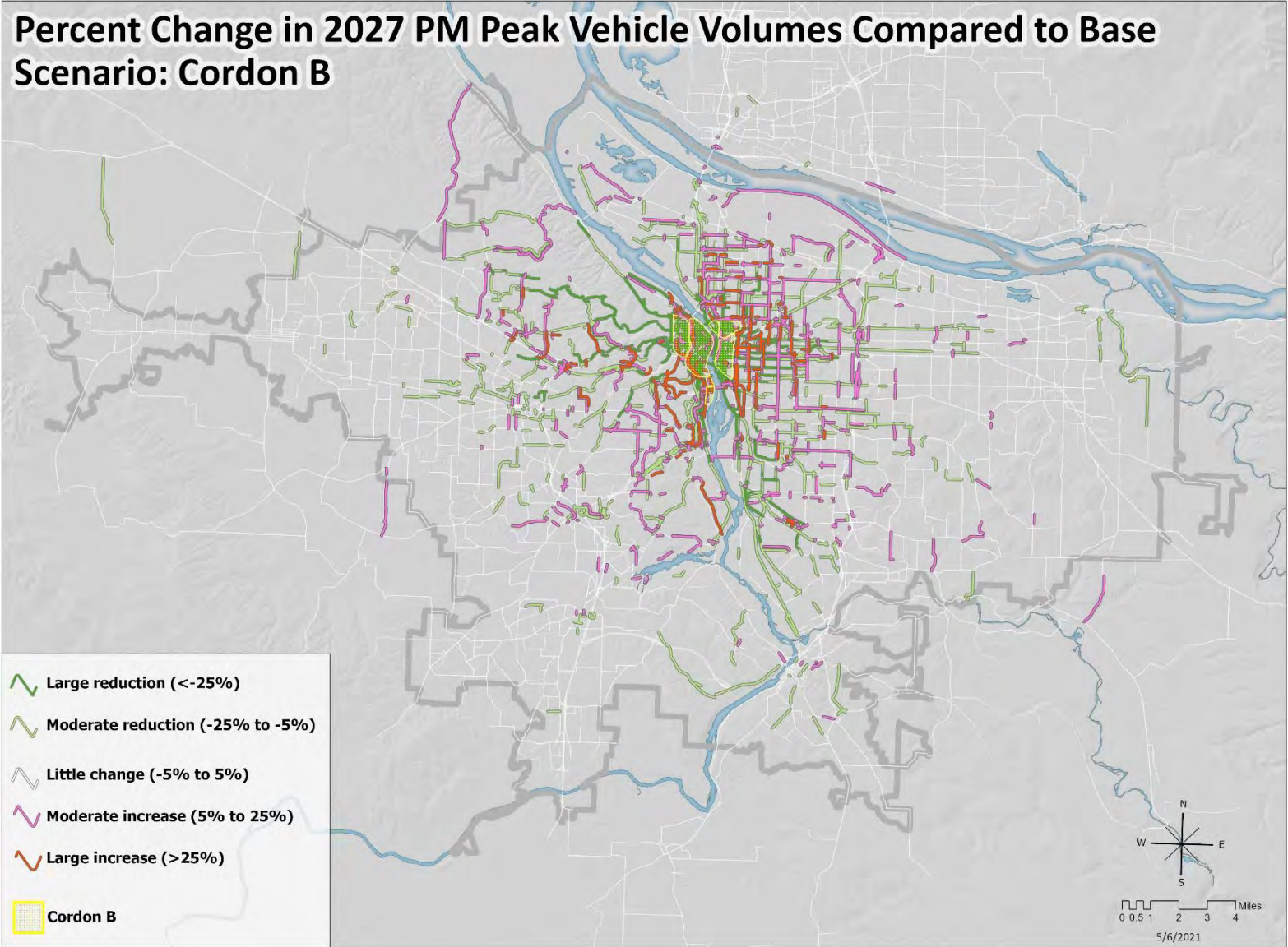


# Percent Change in 2027 PM Peak Vehicle Volumes Compared to Base Scenario: Cordon A

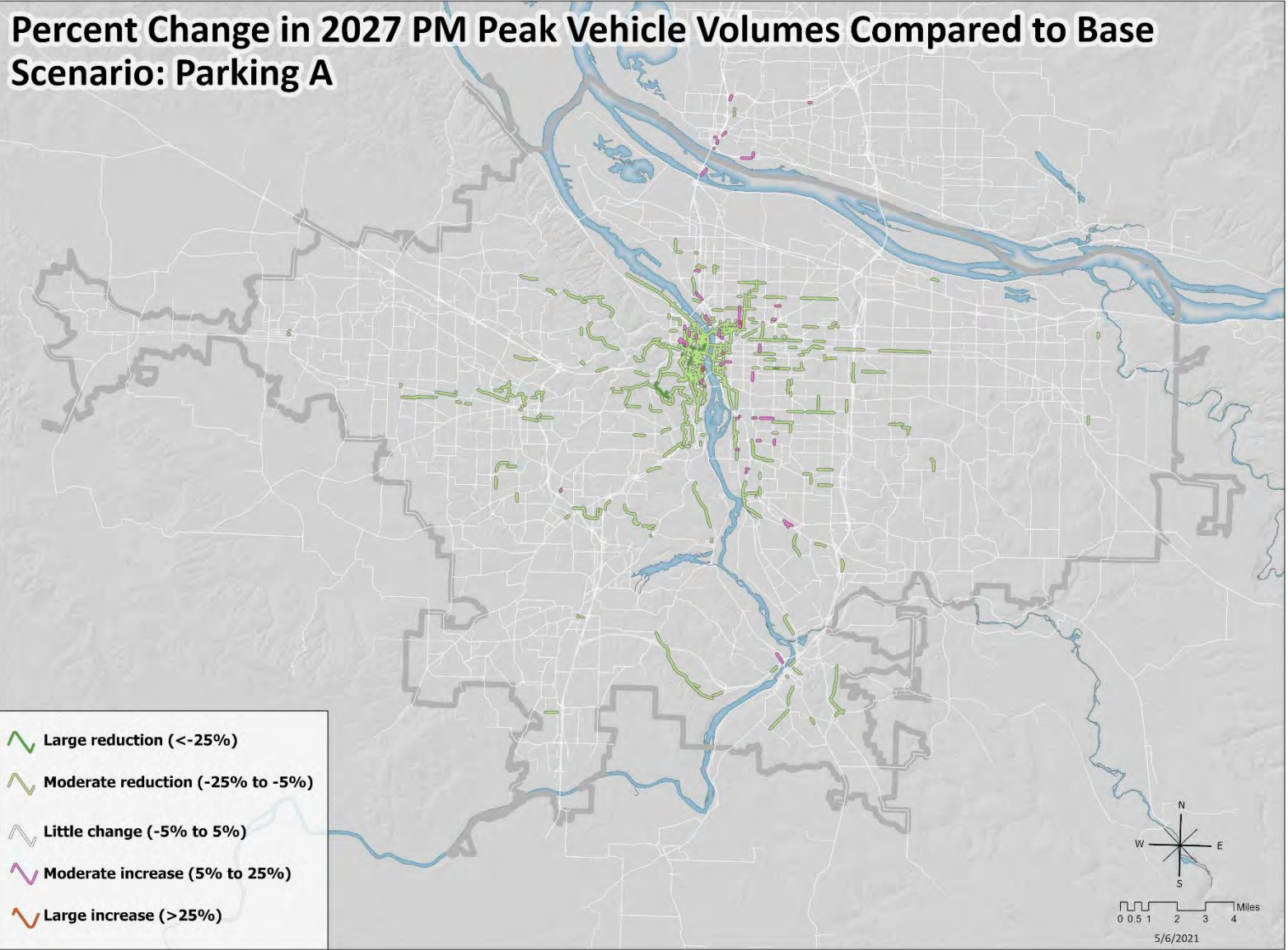




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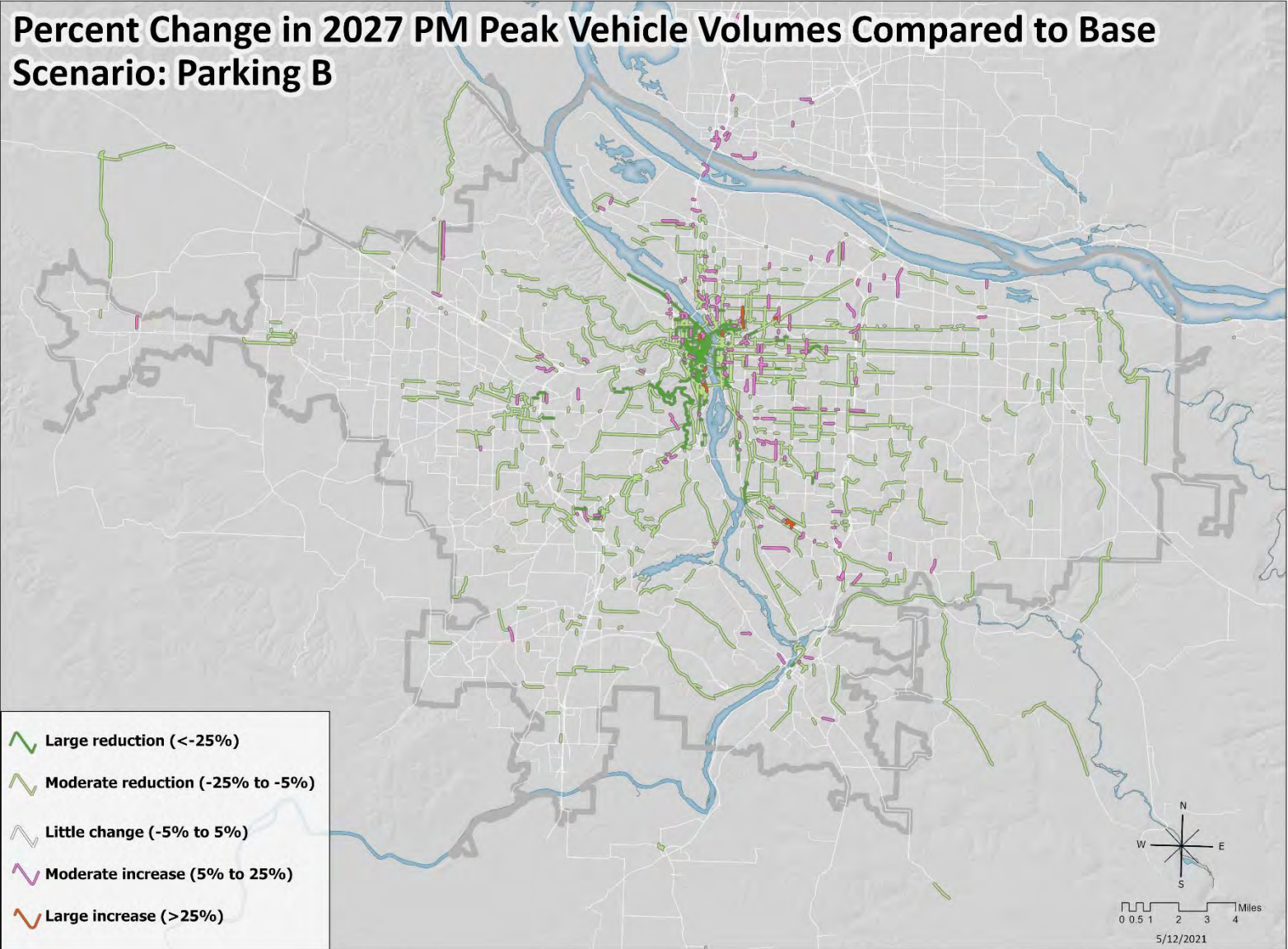


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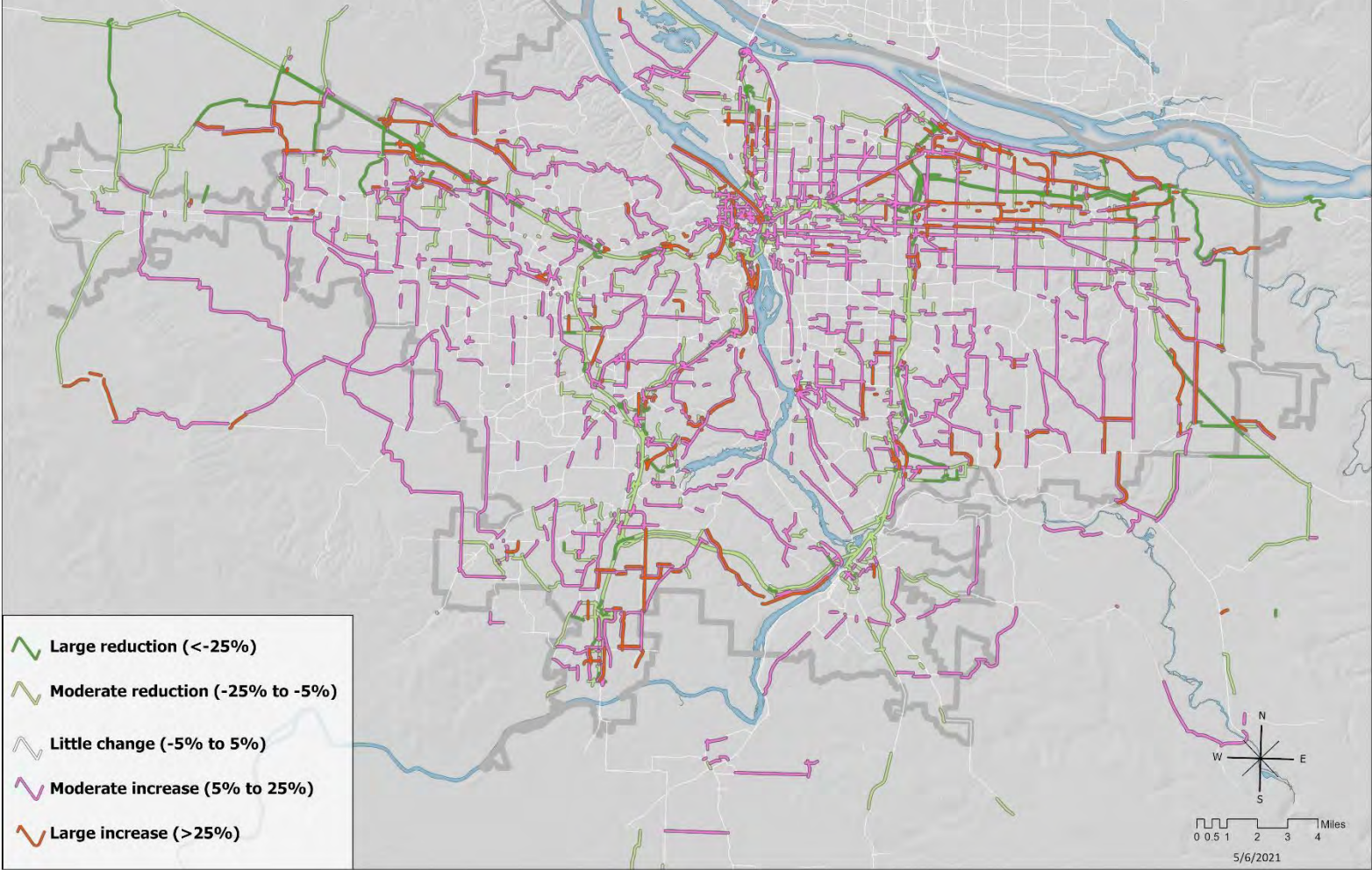




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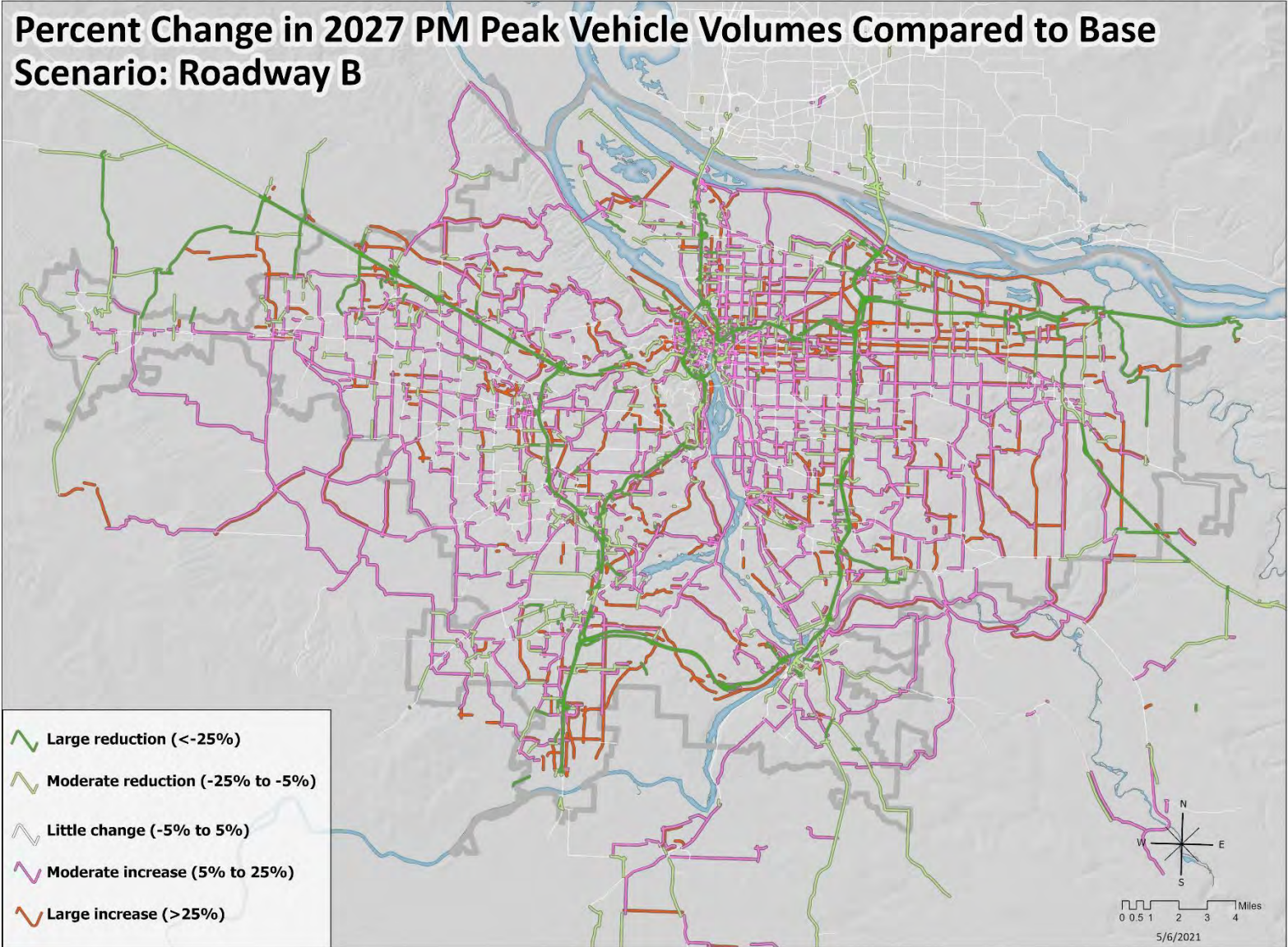


# Percent Change in 2027 PM Peak Vehicle Volumes Compared to Base Scenario: Roadway A





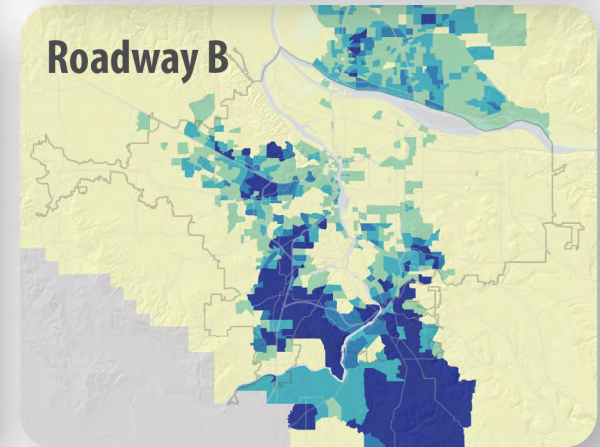
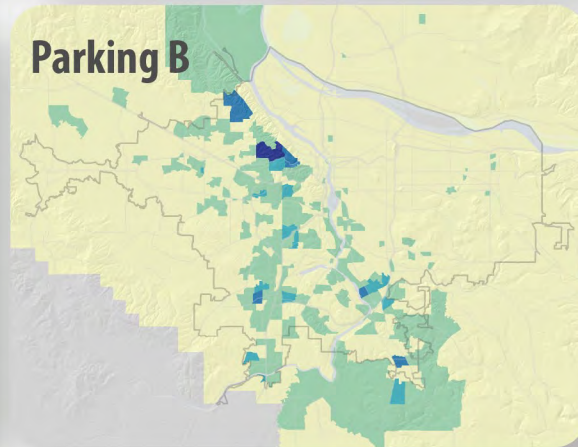
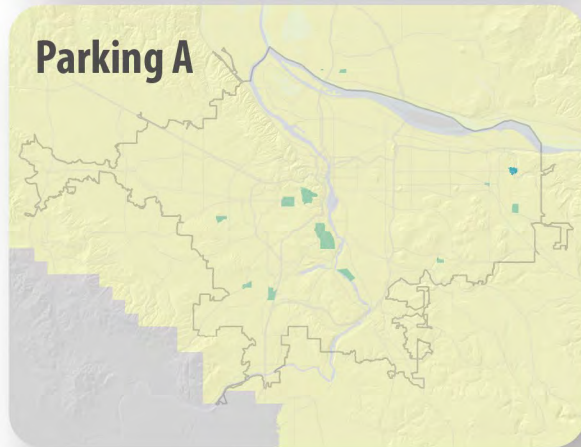
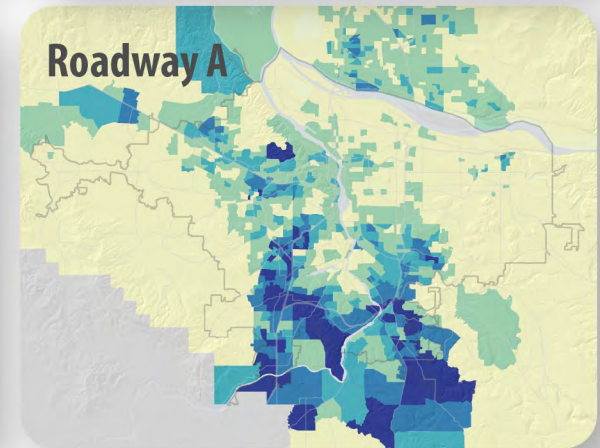
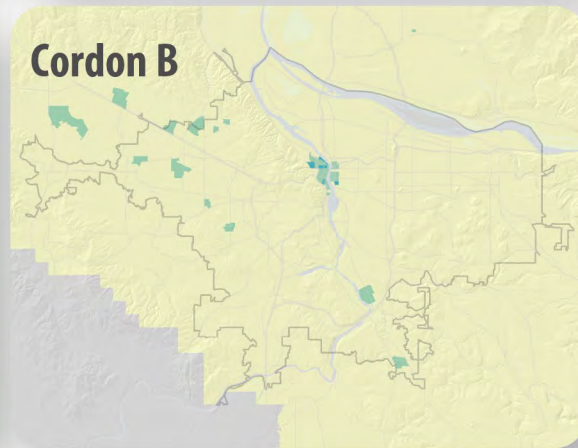
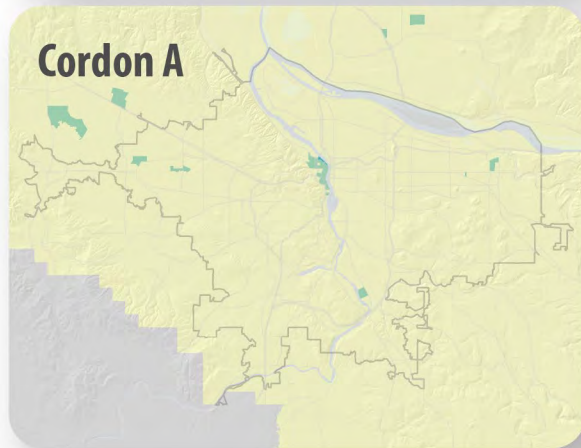
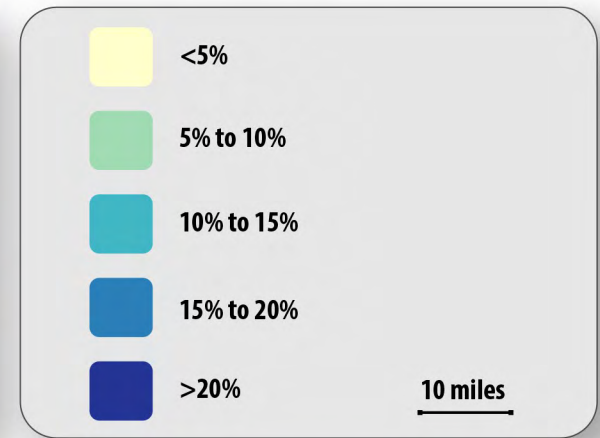
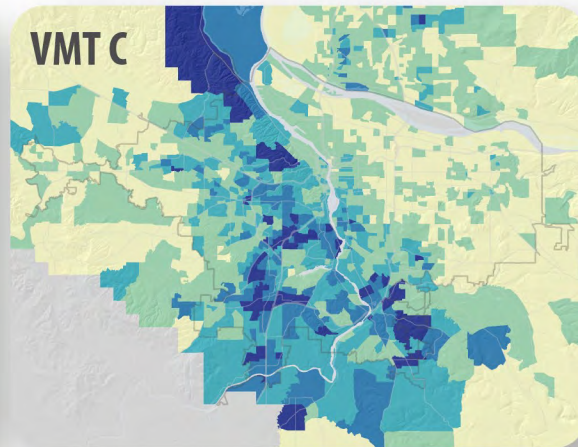
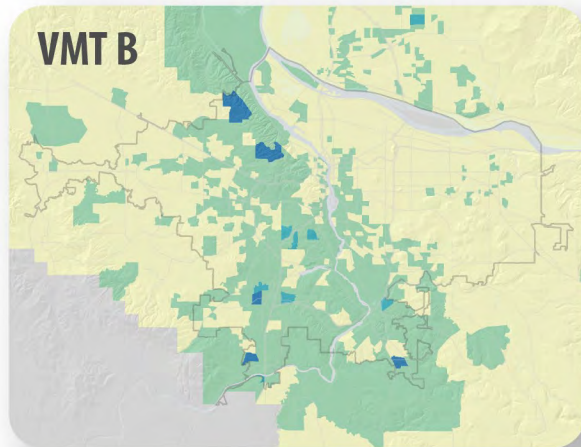
# Percent Change in 2027 PM Peak Vehicle Volumes Compared to Base Scenario: Roadway B



## **APPENDIX D.5: CHANGE IN ACCESSIBILITY TO JOBS BY AUTO MAPS**



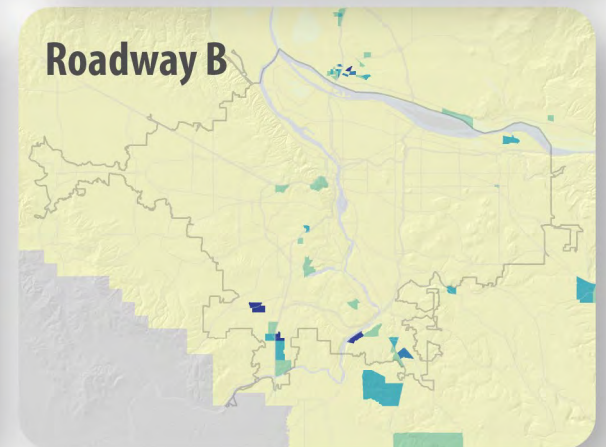
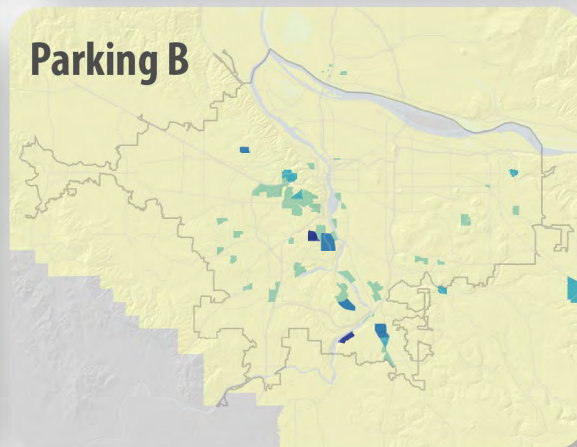
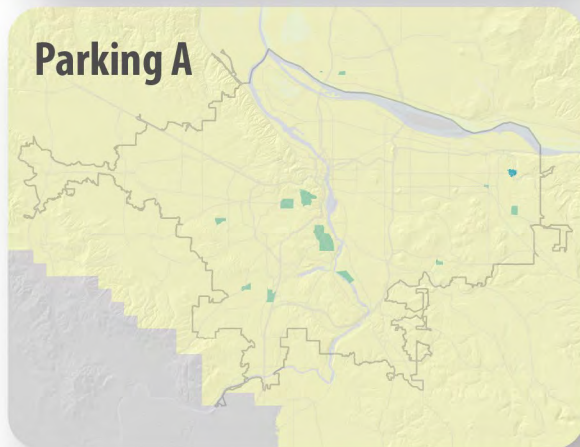
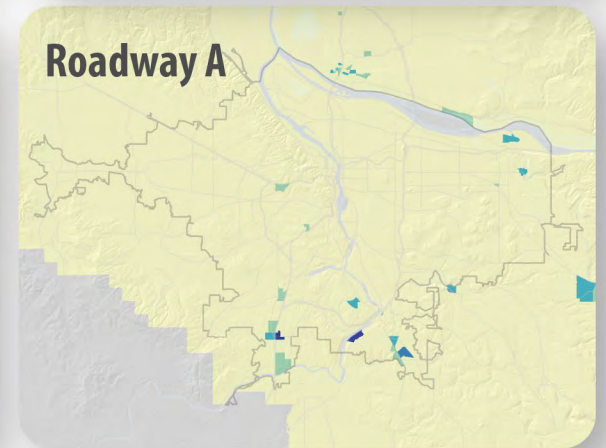
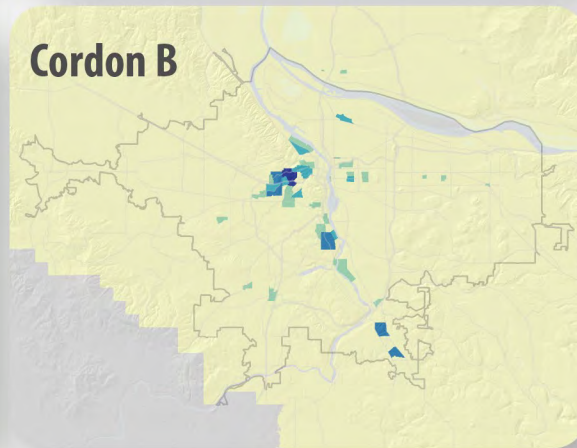
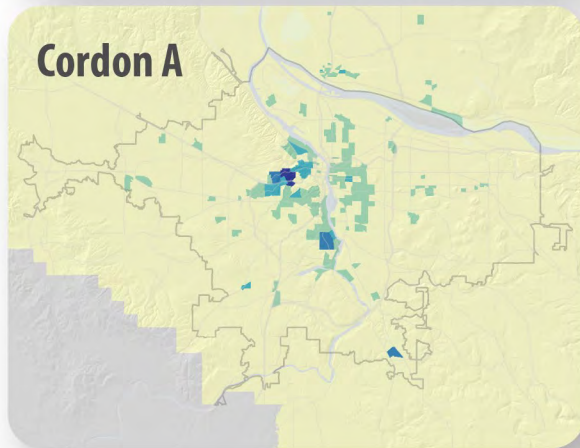
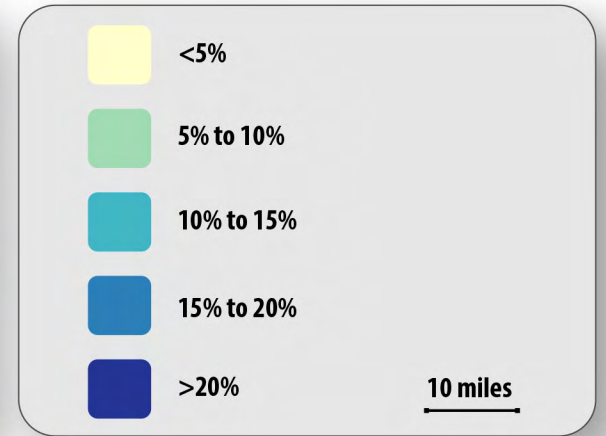
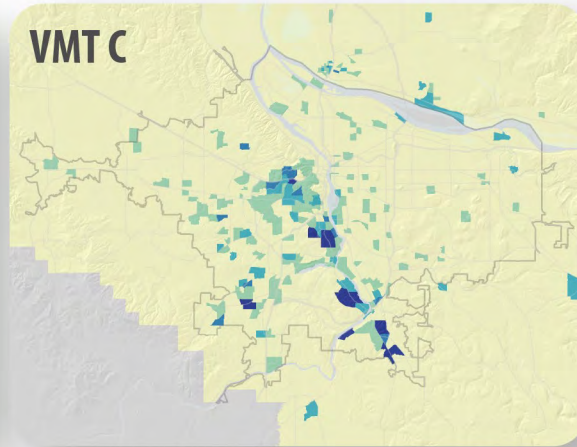
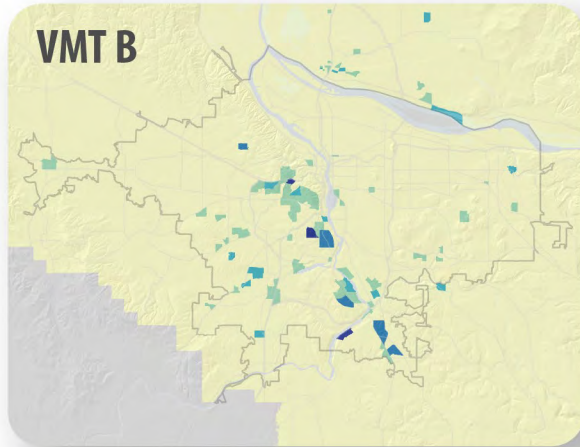
# Percent Change in Access to Jobs by Auto



## **APPENDIX D.6: CHANGE IN ACCESSIBILITY TO JOBS BY TRANSIT MAPS**



# Percent Change in Access to Jobs by Transit



## **APPENDIX D.7: CHANGE IN TOTAL TRAVEL COST MAPS**

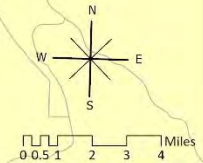
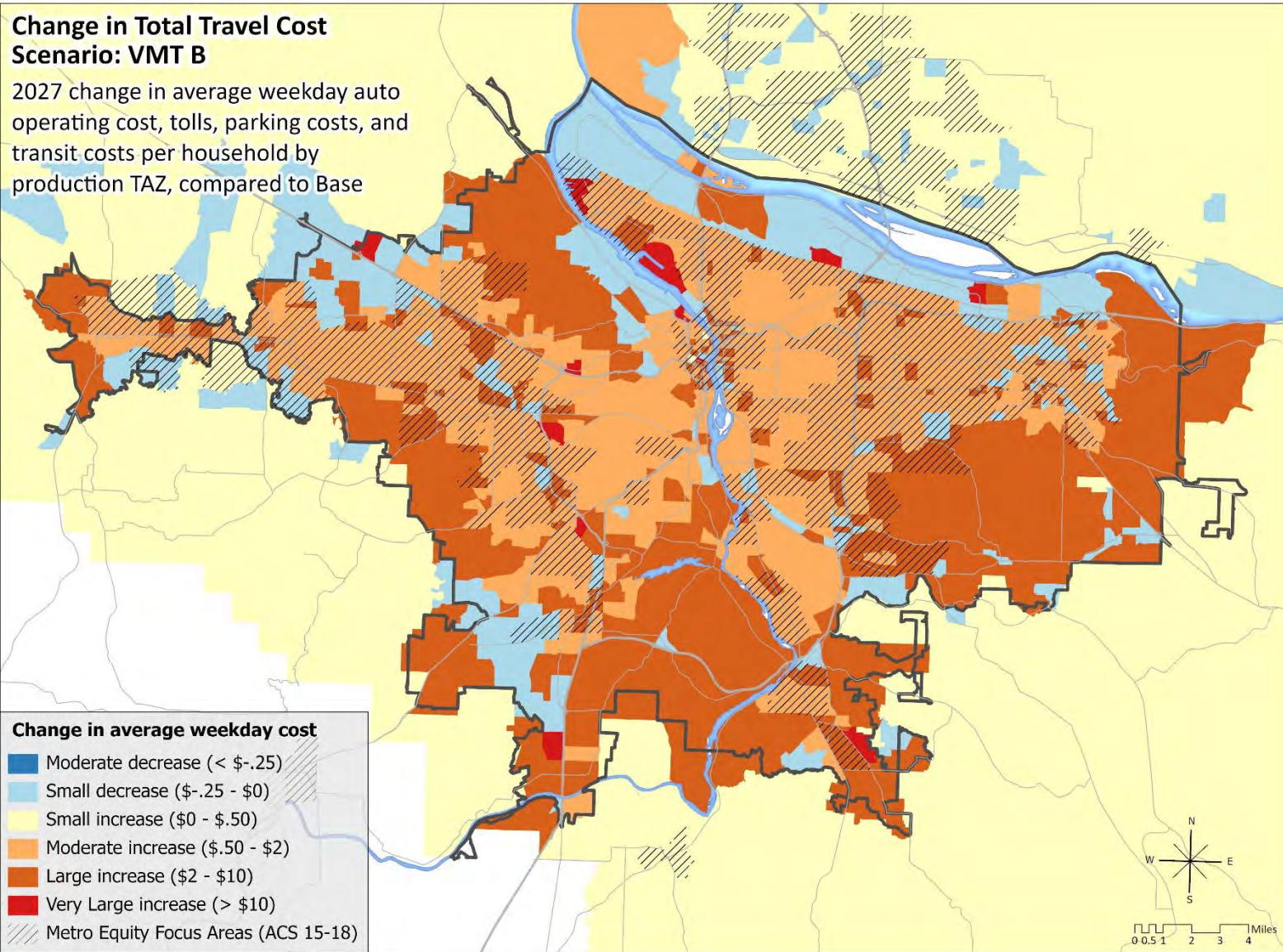


### Change in Total Travel Cost Scenario: VMT B

2027 change in average weekday auto operating cost, tolls, parking costs, and transit costs per household by production TAZ, compared to Base

#### Change in average weekday cost

- Moderate decrease (< \$-.25)
- Small decrease (\$-.25 - \$0)
- Small increase (\$0 - \$.50)
- Moderate increase (\$.50 - \$2)
- Large increase (\$2 - \$10)
- Very Large increase (> \$10)
- Metro Equity Focus Areas (ACS 15-18)










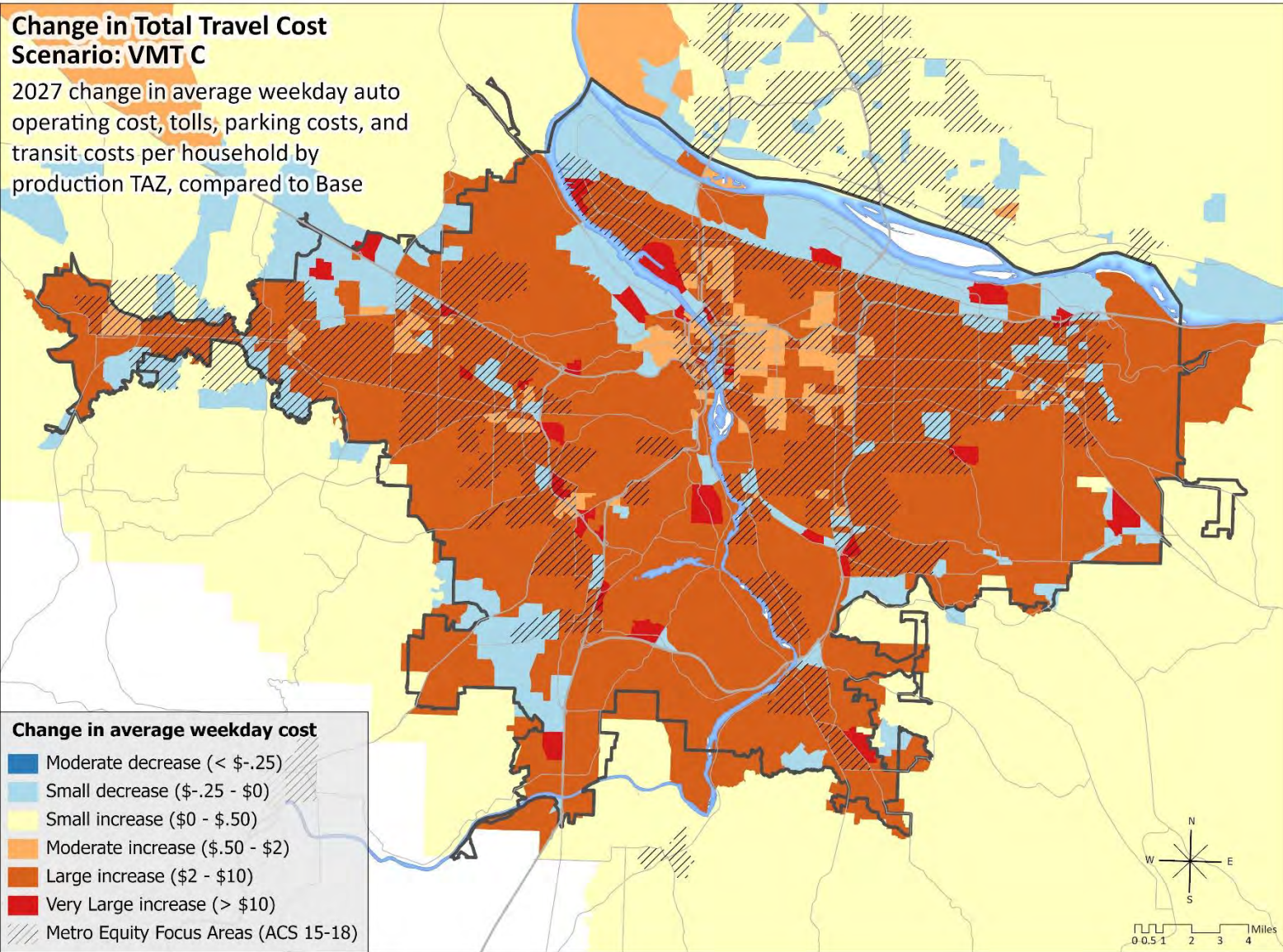


### Change in Total Travel Cost Scenario: VMT C

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#### Change in average weekday cost

-  Moderate decrease (< \$-.25)
-  Small decrease (\$-.25 - \$0)
-  Small increase (\$0 - \$.50)
-  Moderate increase (\$.50 - \$2)
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-  Very Large increase (> \$10)
-  Metro Equity Focus Areas (ACS 15-18)





### Change in Total Travel Cost Scenario: Cordon A

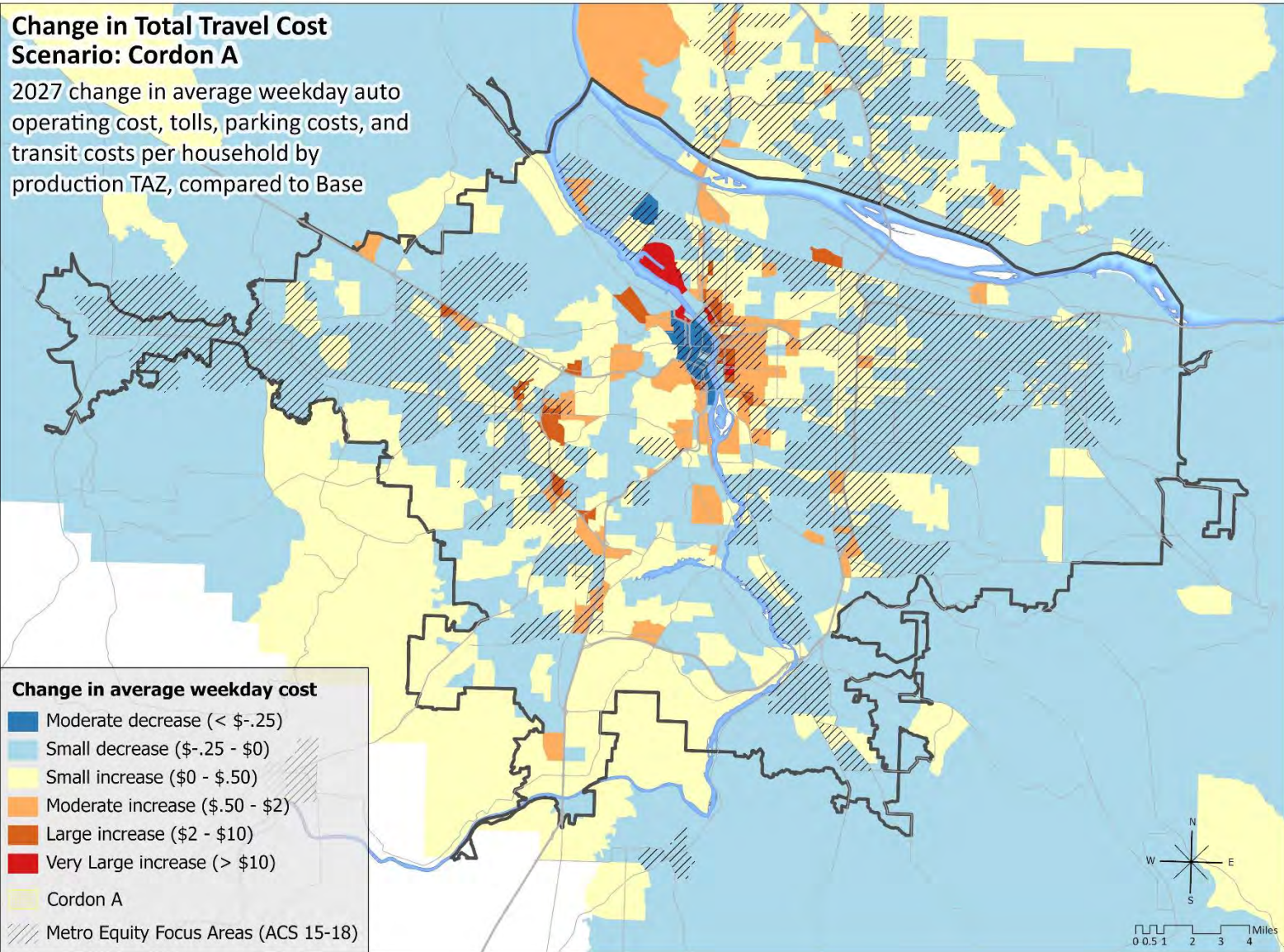
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#### Change in average weekday cost

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- Small decrease (\$-.25 - \$0)
- Small increase (\$0 - \$.50)
- Moderate increase (\$.50 - \$2)
- Large increase (\$2 - \$10)
- Very Large increase (> \$10)

Cordon A

Metro Equity Focus Areas (ACS 15-18)





### Change in Total Travel Cost Scenario: Cordon B

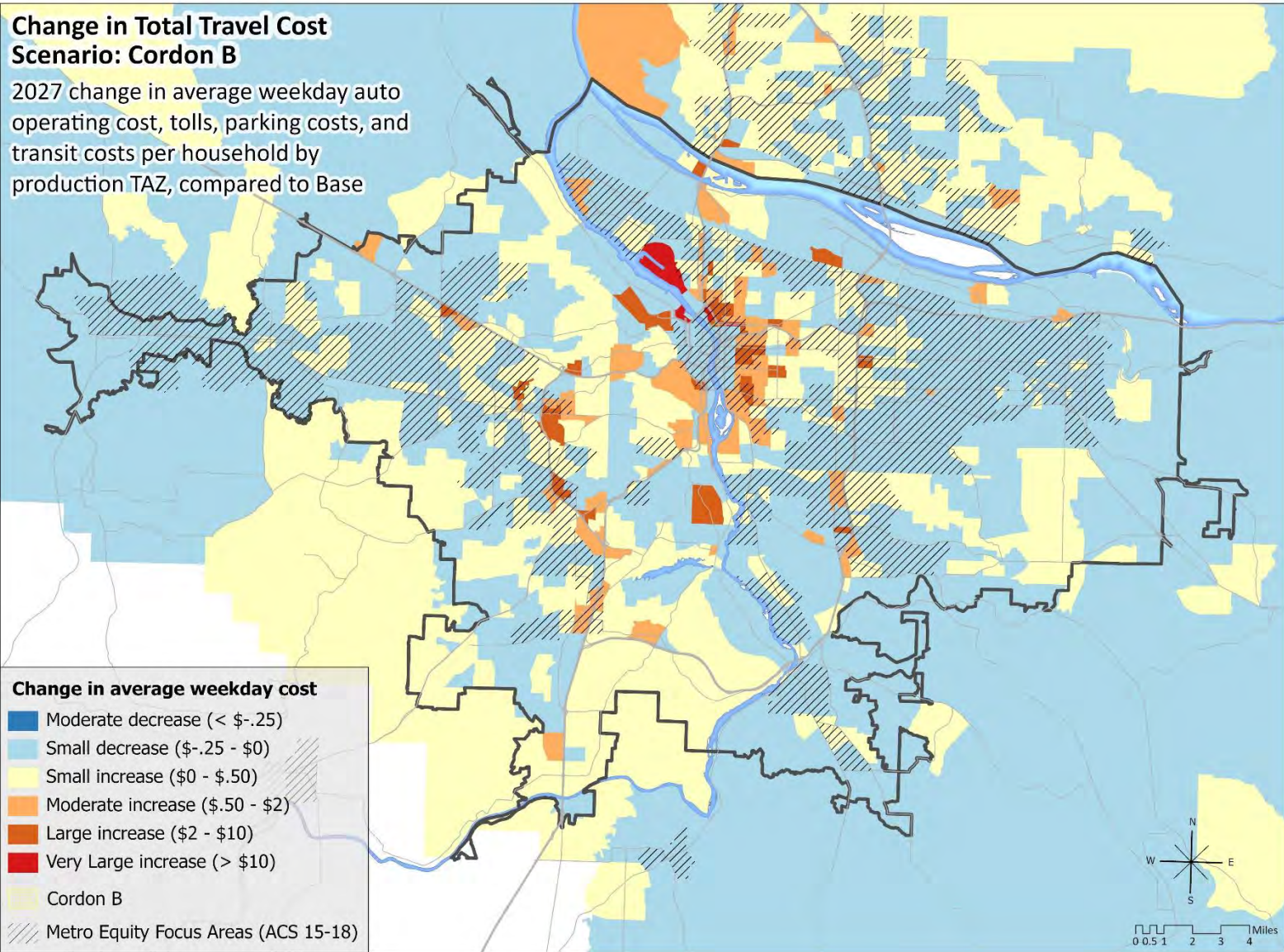
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#### Change in average weekday cost

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- Small increase (\$0 - \$.50)
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Cordon B

Metro Equity Focus Areas (ACS 15-18)



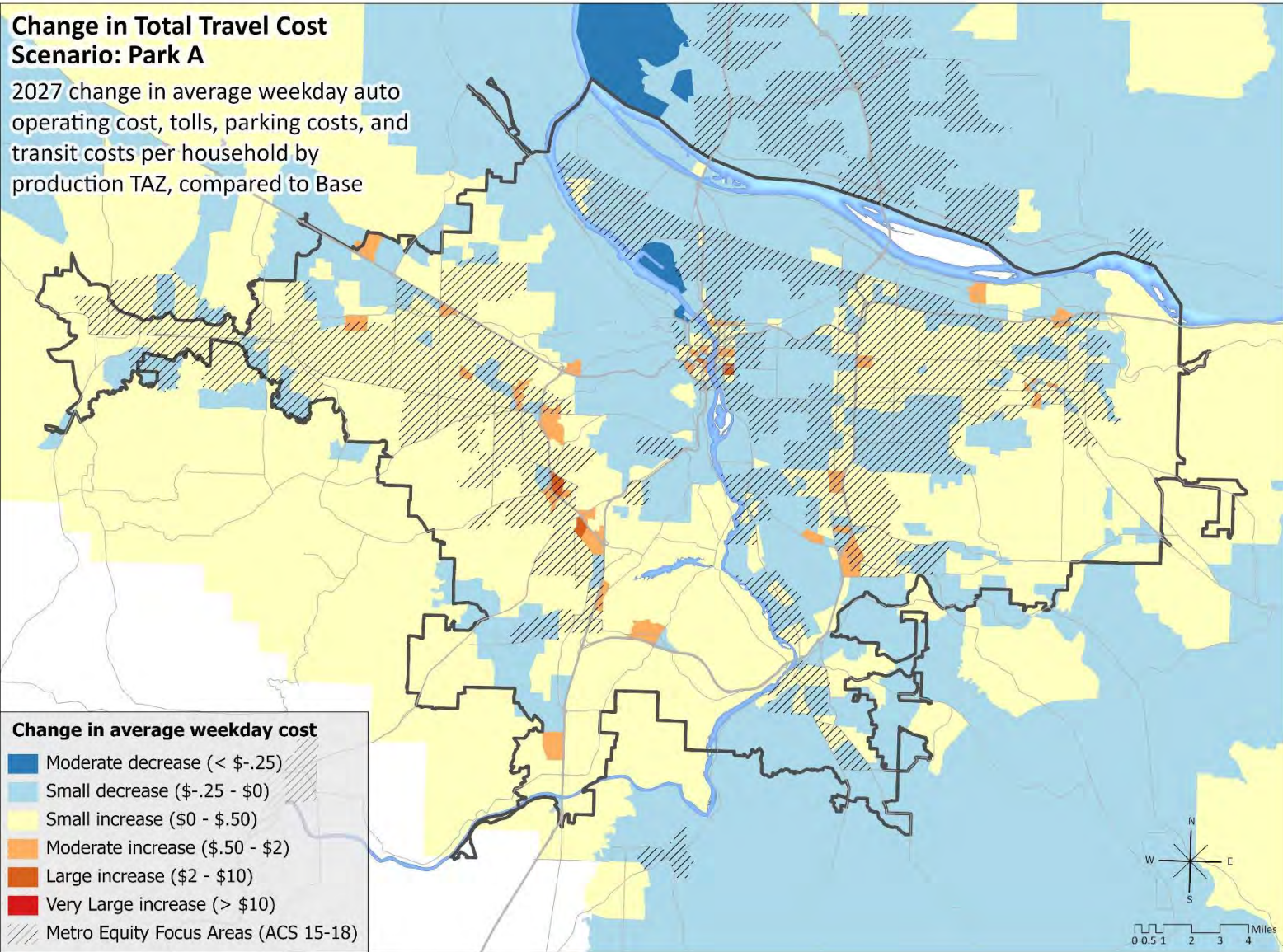


### Change in Total Travel Cost Scenario: Park A

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#### Change in average weekday cost

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- Small decrease ( $\text{\$-.25} - \text{\$0}$ )
- Small increase ( $\text{\$0} - \text{\$.50}$ )
- Moderate increase ( $\text{\$.50} - \text{\$2}$ )
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- Metro Equity Focus Areas (ACS 15-18)



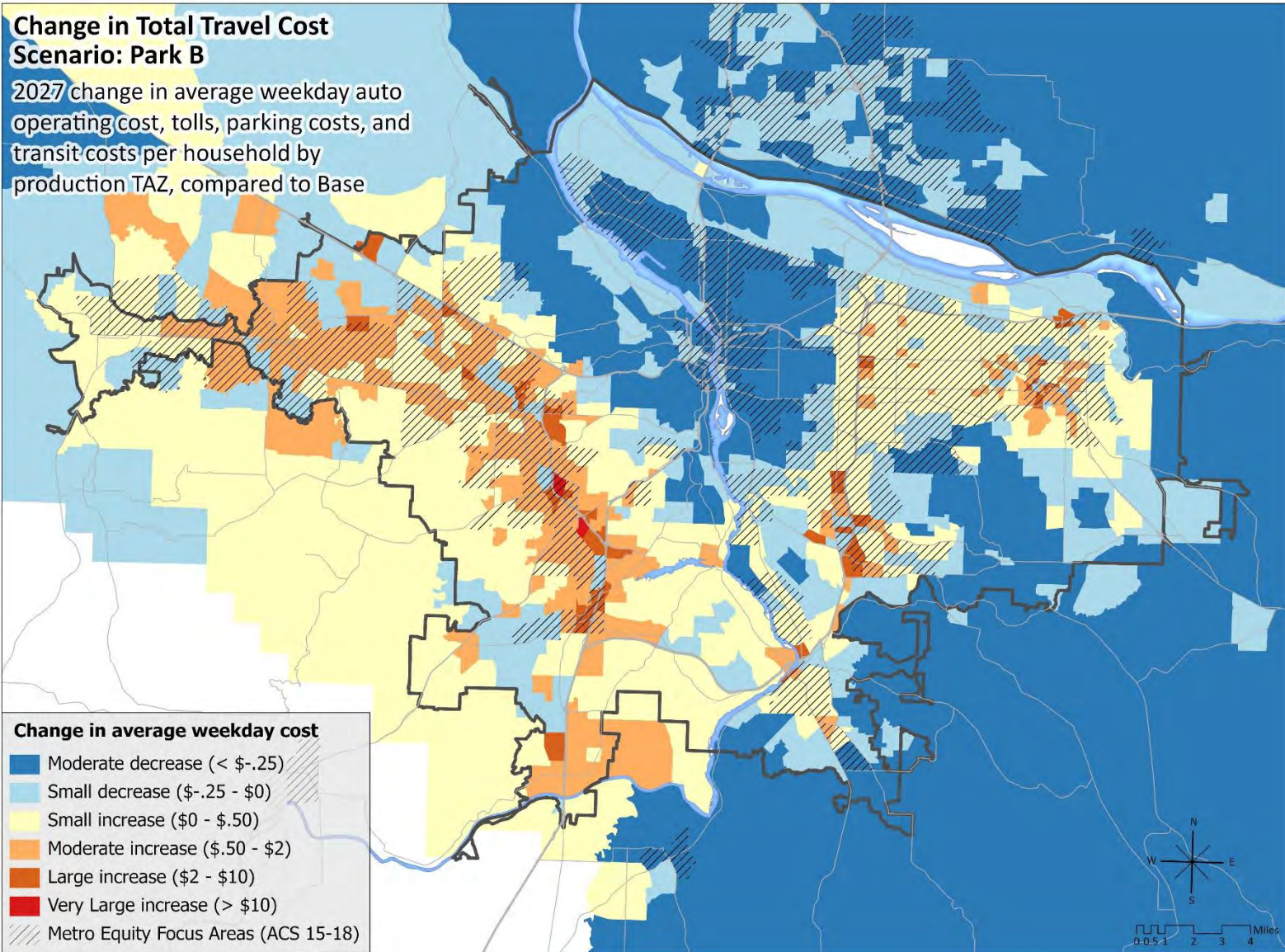


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- Small increase ( $\$0 - \$.50$ )
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- Metro Equity Focus Areas (ACS 15-18)



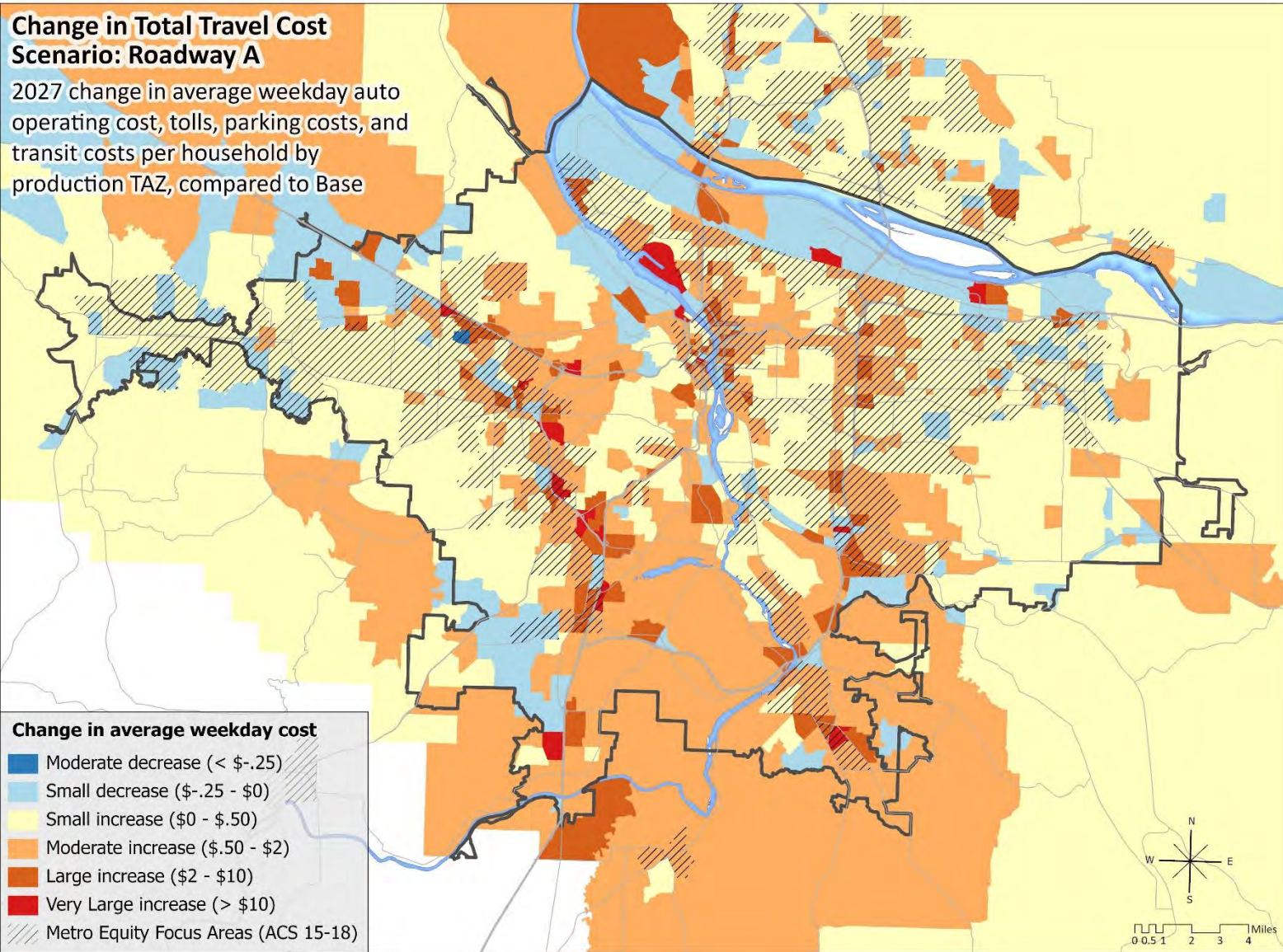


### Change in Total Travel Cost Scenario: Roadway A

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#### Change in average weekday cost

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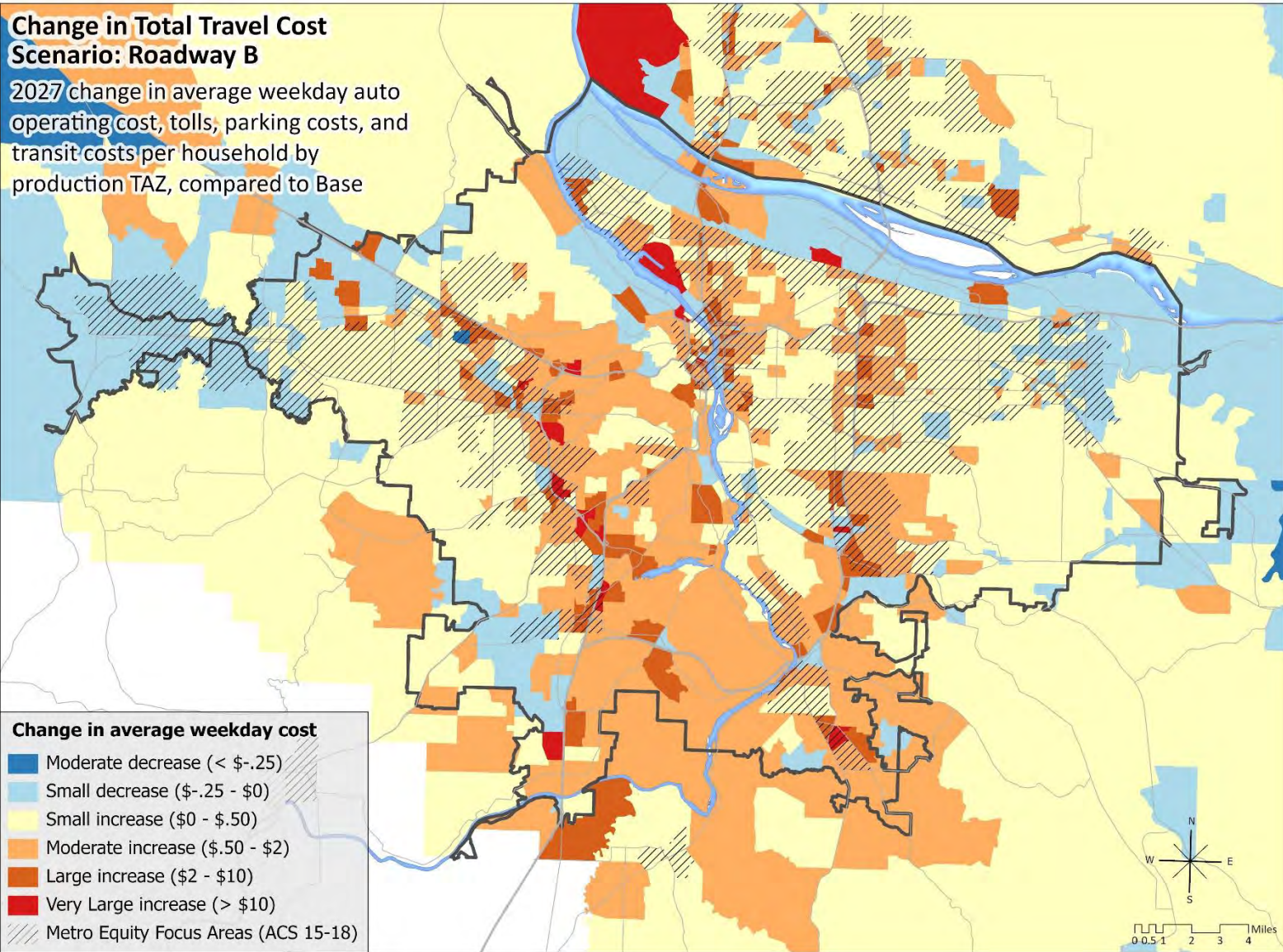


### Change in Total Travel Cost Scenario: Roadway B

2027 change in average weekday auto operating cost, tolls, parking costs, and transit costs per household by production TAZ, compared to Base

#### Change in average weekday cost

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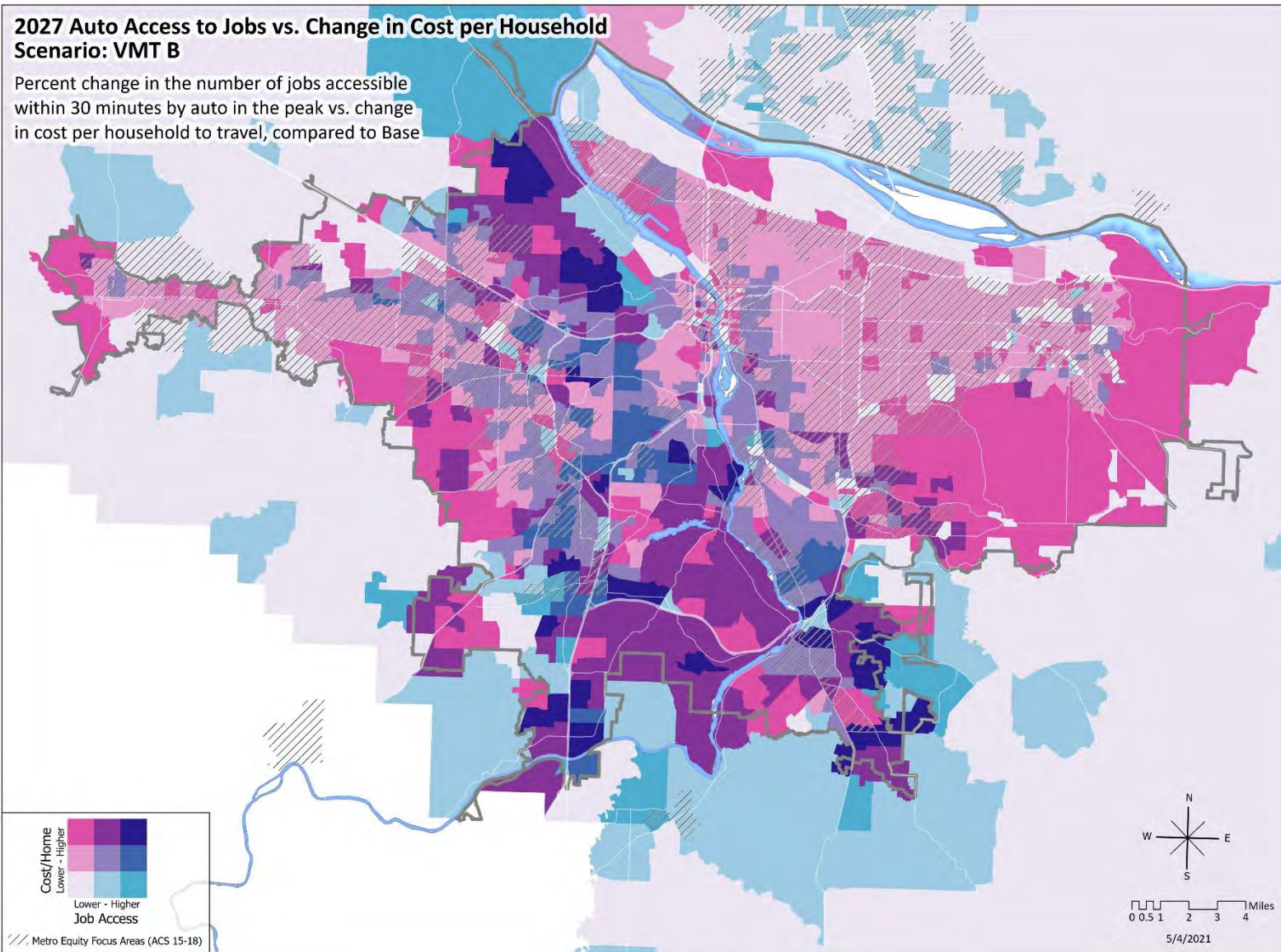




**APPENDIX D.8: BIVARIATE MAPS: CHANGE IN ACCESSIBILITY TO JOBS BY AUTO  
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### 2027 Auto Access to Jobs vs. Change in Cost per Household Scenario: VMT B

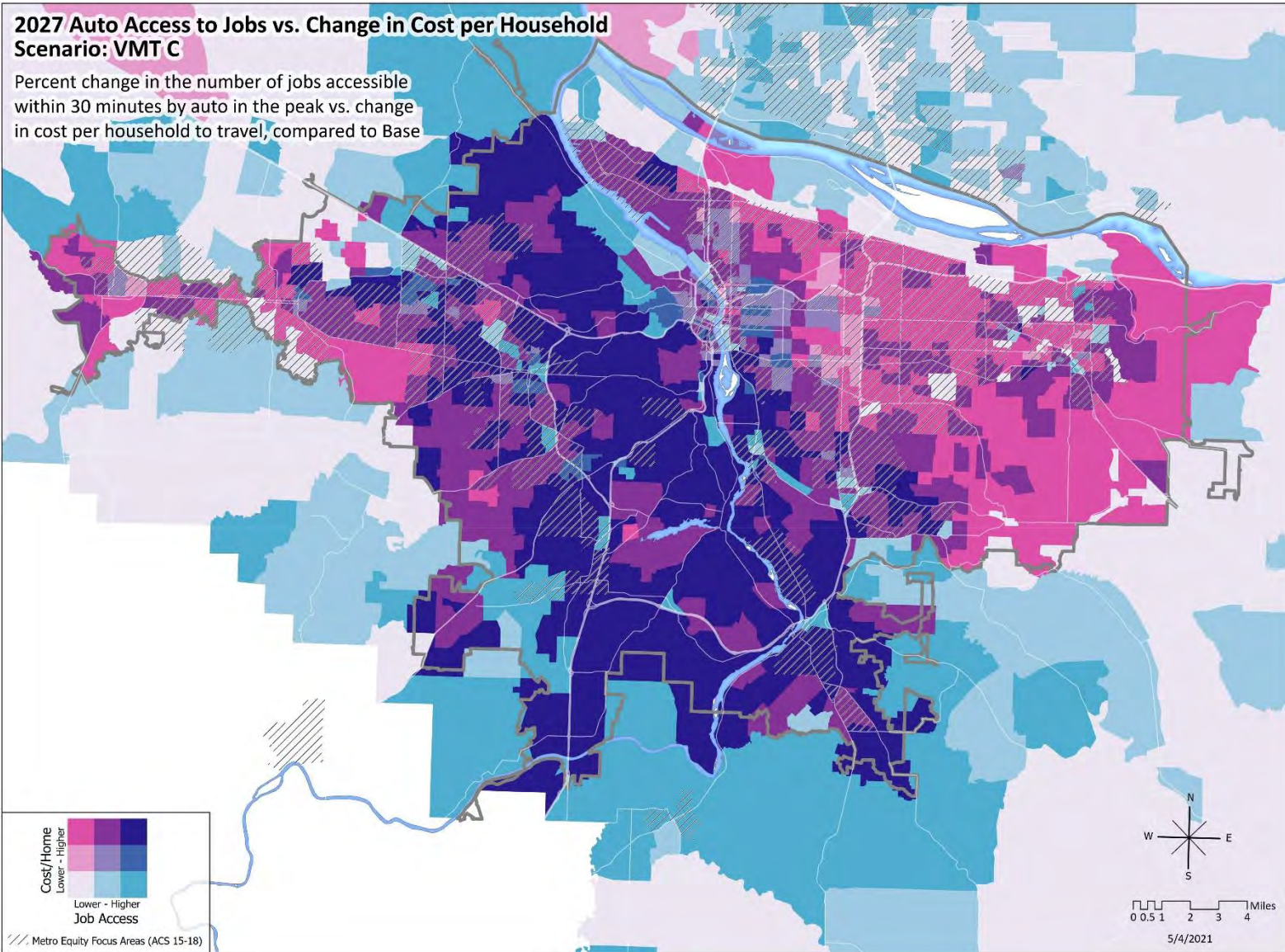
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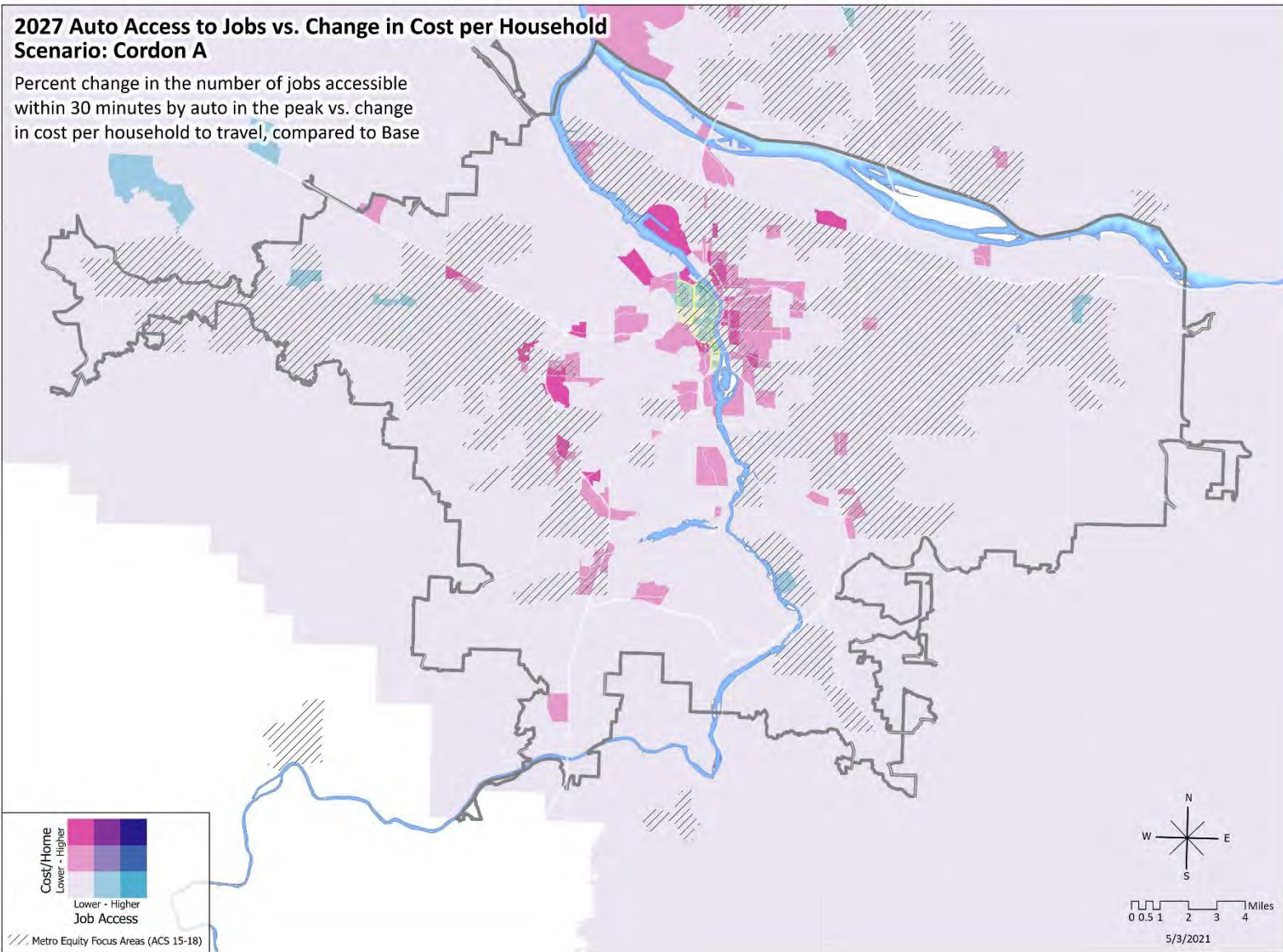
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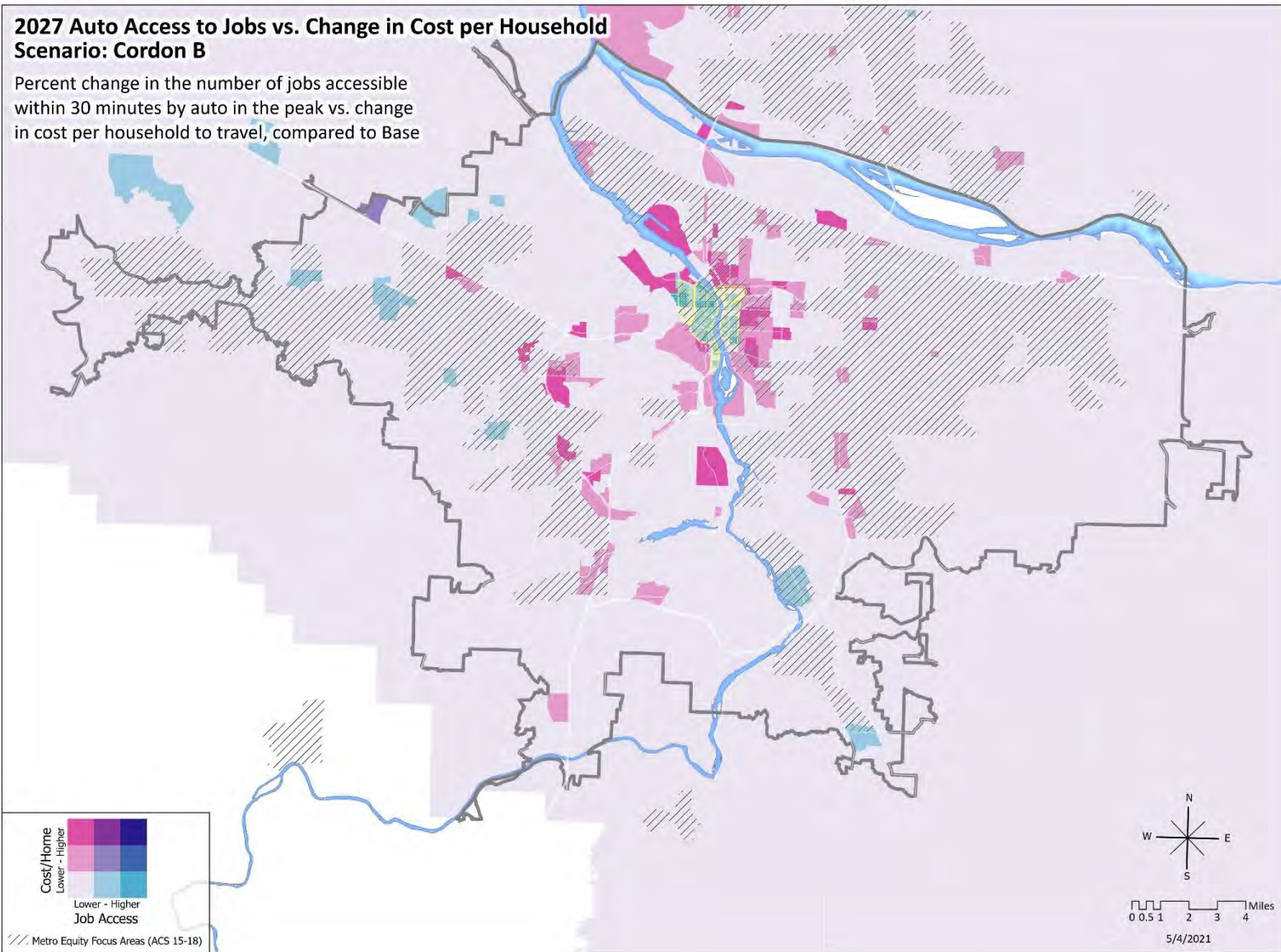
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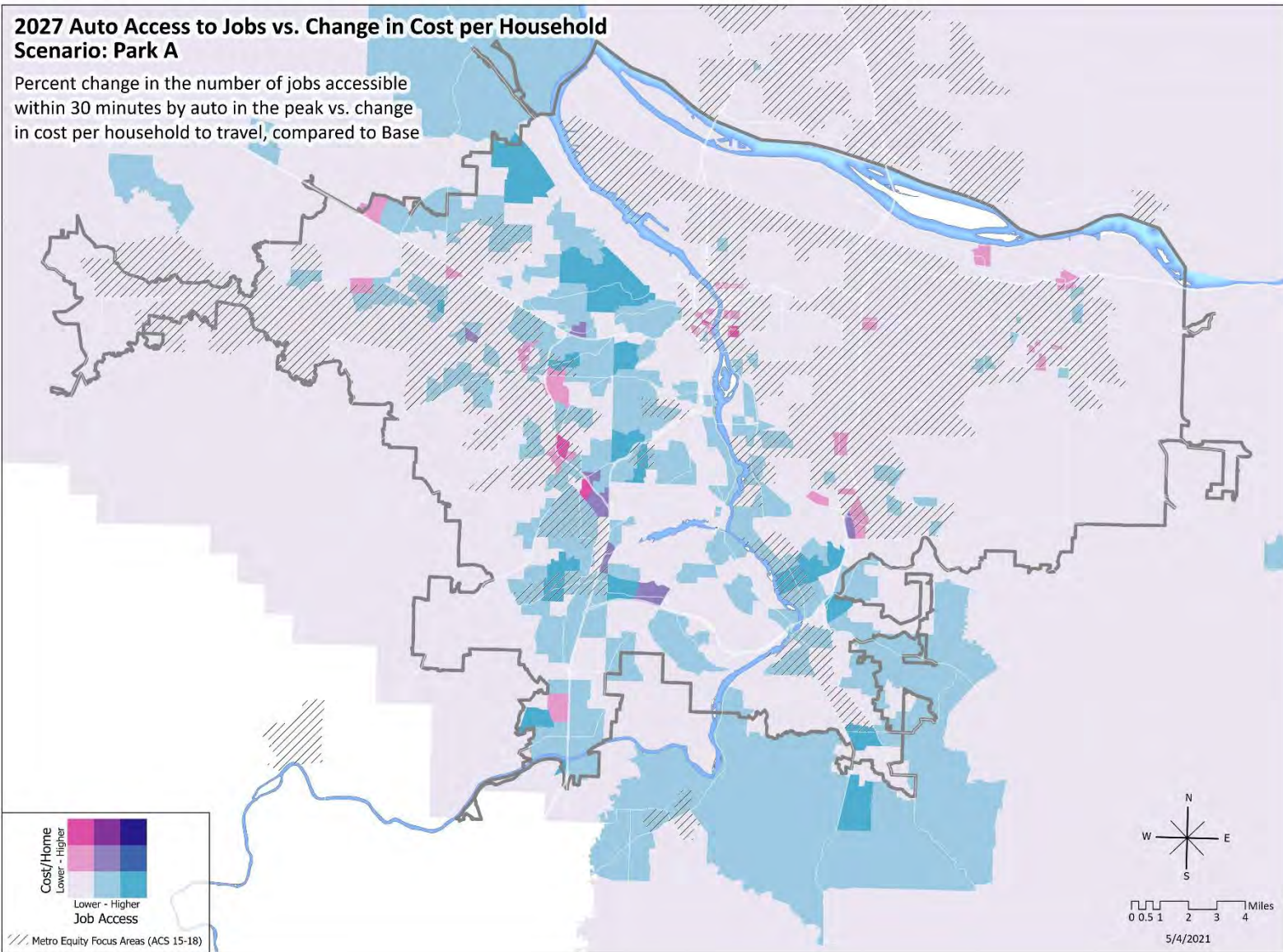
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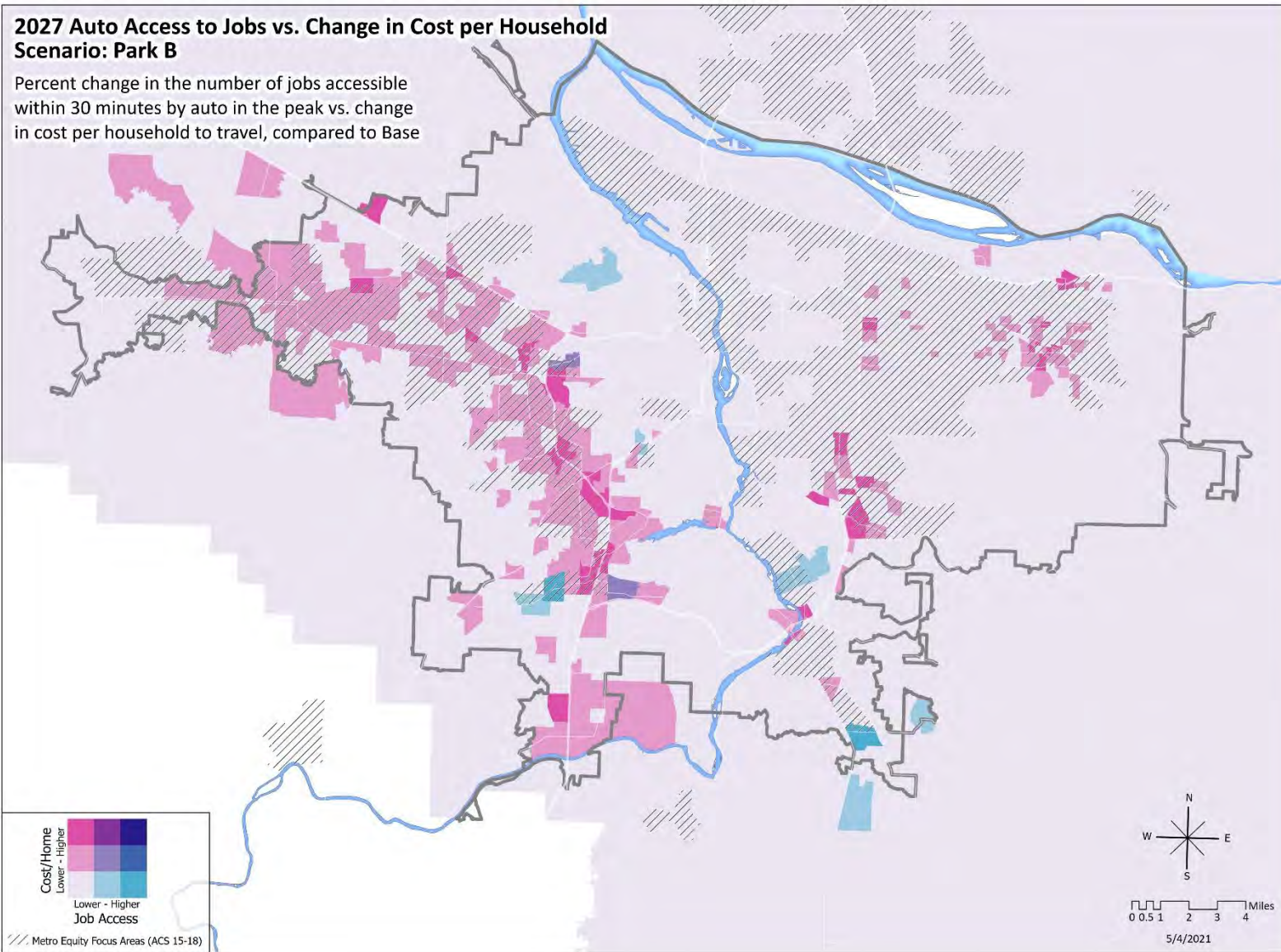
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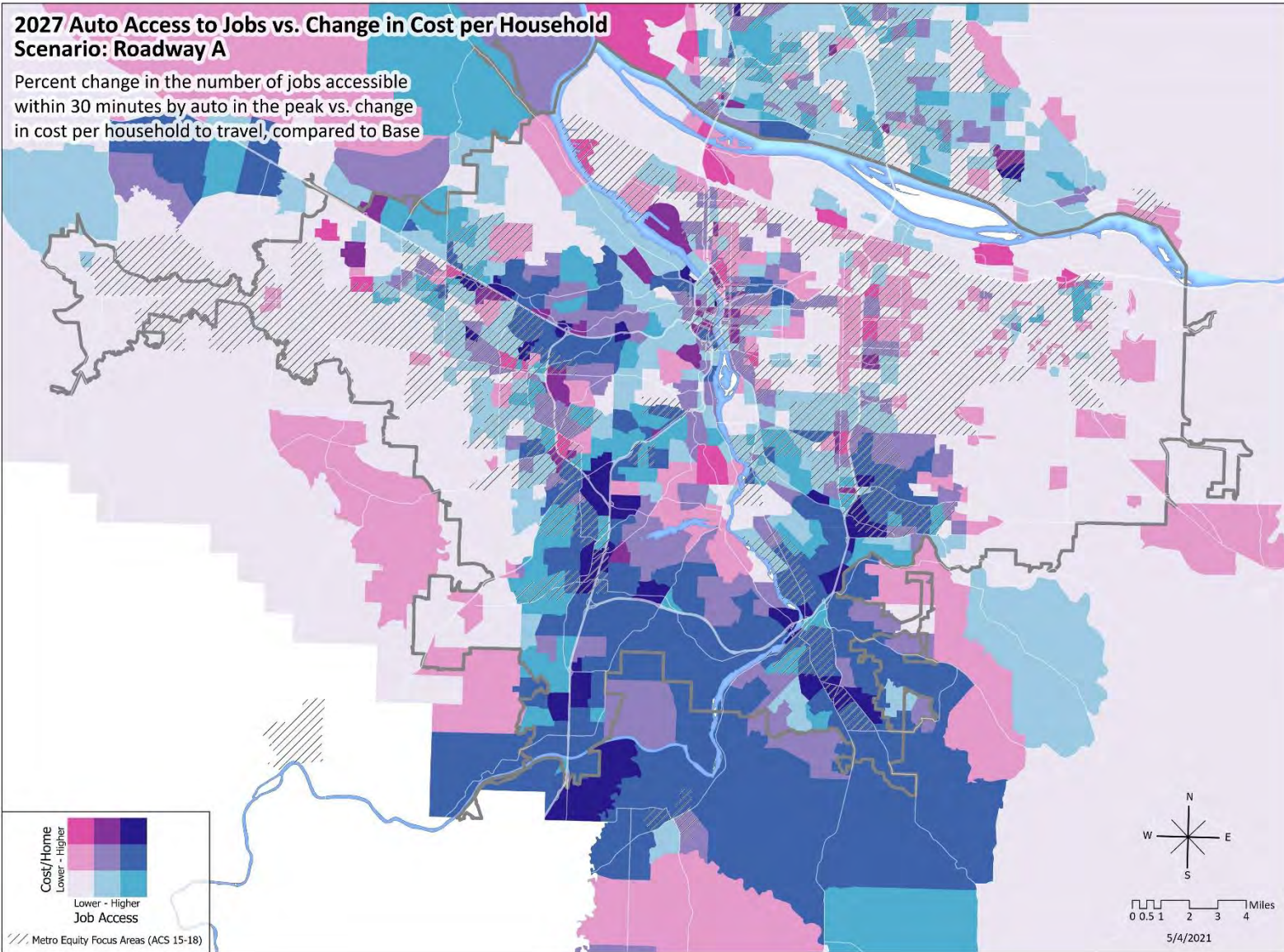
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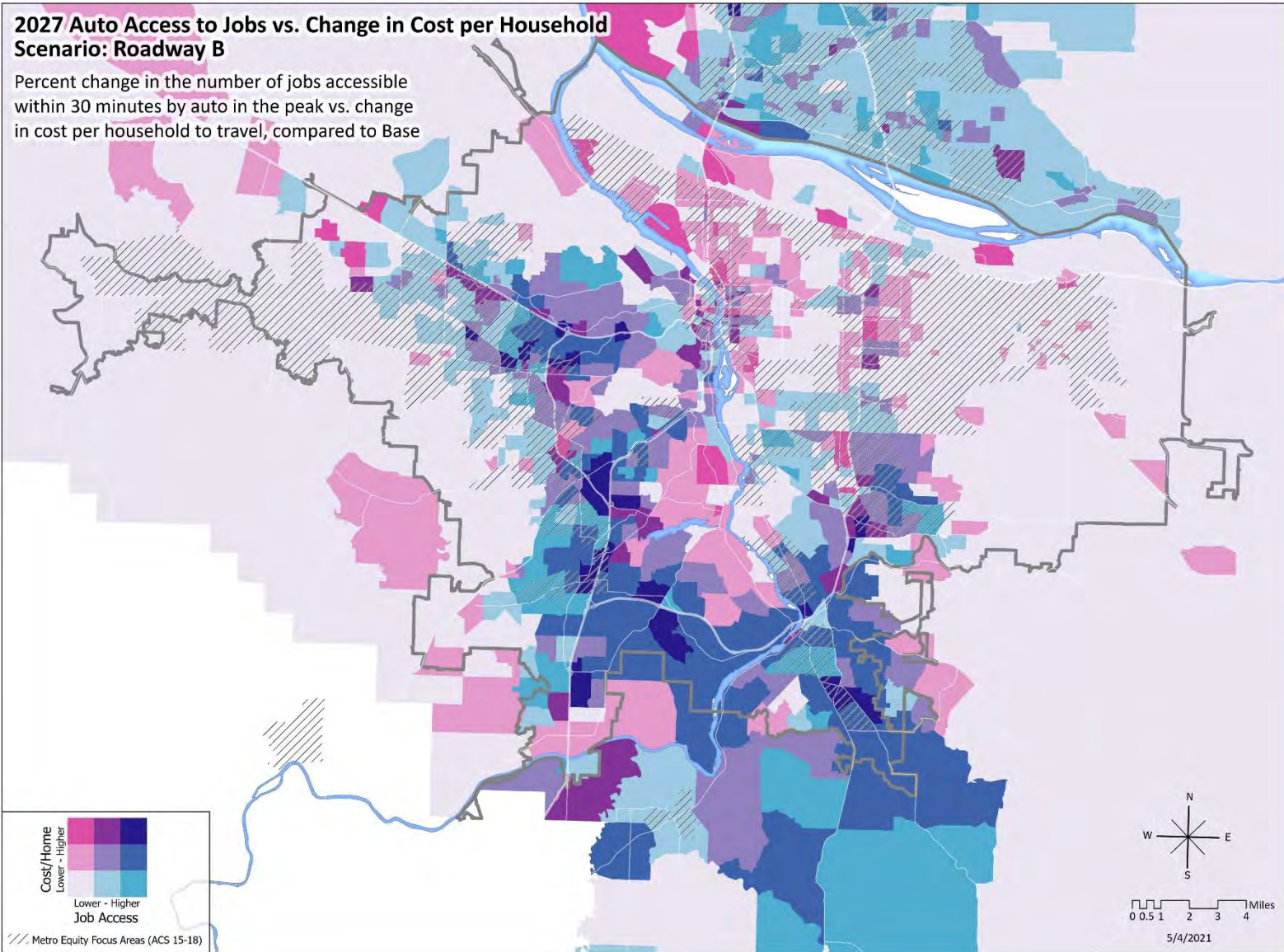
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Attachment 4

# OHP Toll Policy Amendment Overview

June 2022











## **Oregon Highway Plan (OHP) – Toll Policy Amendment**

With Oregon moving multiple major toll projects in the Portland region forward while building a statewide supporting program, the Oregon Highway Plan which identifies influential direction on the purpose and role of tolling, is in need of a refresh to address our current needs and goals for equity, climate, safety, a modern system, and sustainable funding.

### **What is being refreshed?**

Toll policies are primarily located in Goal 6 of the Oregon Highway Plan. This goal was last amended in 2012, and much has changed since. The following is an initial list:

- Defining various terms that are used (e.g. tolling, congestion pricing, value pricing, etc.)
- Clarifying the need and goals for tolling and toll-based congestion pricing
- Incorporate connections to equity and climate goals, initiatives, and targets
- Provide guidance on rate setting and use of revenues (e.g. balancing highway and transit and multimodal investment, low-income impacts, and diversion's impact on neighborhood health and safety)

### **What is the timeline for adoption?**

The amendment is expected to be reviewed by the Oregon Transportation Commission in September 2022. If adopted, the policy will be effective immediately.

### **Why is the OHP being amended in 2022?**

Modernizing these policies will provide a solid framework and context for ODOT and other agencies that was to pursue toll-based congestion pricing. First up will be toll rate setting for the I-205 Toll Project, which a rules advisory committee is planned to start in late 2022.

Additionally, recent legislation (HB 2017 and HB 3055) and new policies since 2012 (Statewide Transportation Strategy, 2021-2023 Strategic Action Plan, etc.) have provide more explicit direction and policy should be modernized to better connect to other policy goals and targets provided in those documents.

### **What will not be in this OHP amendment?**

This amendment will not set toll rates or identify toll revenue allocation project-level requirements, targets, or identify specific investments. The toll rate setting process is a separate effort that



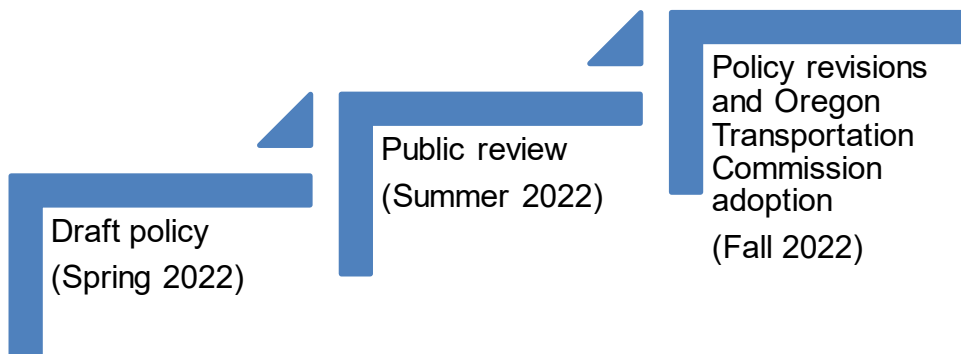
culminates in Oregon Transportation Commission adoption. The identification of specific investments that are funded through toll projects, which includes mitigation, are determined by the project sponsor and partners.

### How can people be a part of the decision-making process?

Go to the [project webpage](https://www.oregon.gov/odot/Planning/Pages/Oregon-Highway-Plan-Update.aspx) (https://www.oregon.gov/odot/Planning/Pages/Oregon-Highway-Plan-Update.aspx) for the latest information on the project and next steps.

A draft of the updated policy will be provided in the summer and will be communicated for public review (amendments require a minimum of 45 days). ODOT will be searching for statewide input and building upon the existing Oregon Toll Program outreach and relationship building efforts that are ongoing to achieve depth and equitable quality. A public hearing will be held later this year. The Oregon Transportation Commission will be the decision-makers on the amendment. They will receive a proposed amendment in September 2022.

If you are interested in being involved please reach out at the contact information below. We would love to hear from you!



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# Disaster Debris Reserve and Grant Program

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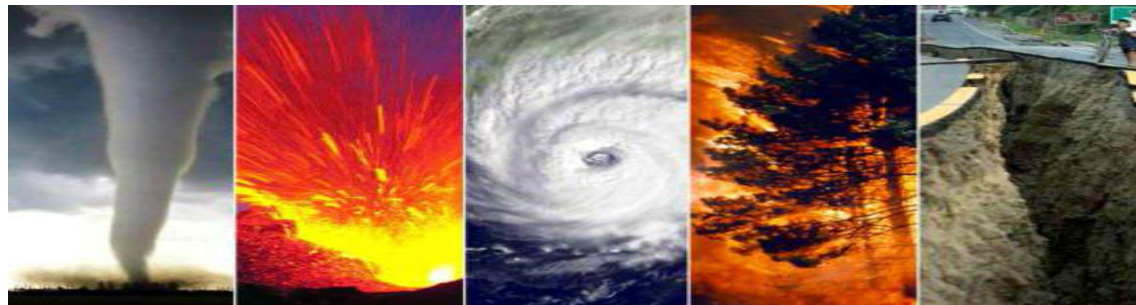
# 2030 Regional Waste Plan

- Goal 19: Plan disaster debris response operations to expedite the clearance and removal of debris, making the best use of locally-based services and materials and maximizing recovery.



# Background

- Climate-related disasters that can generate debris are on the increase
- Following the 2021 ice storm, local governments asked if Metro could help with debris costs



# Proposed Policy

- Metro establish a disaster debris management reserve
- Reserve funds for Metro's debris management costs
- Funds available after a qualifying disaster, to local governments' debris management costs



# Fund Source

- Metro currently collects a \$2.50 regional system fee on each ton of “clean-up waste” generated in greater Portland.



➤ *Clean-up waste” includes: contaminated soils, street sweepings, dredge material, etc.*

# Fund Source, cont.



- Proposed: clean-up waste fees received are earmarked for a disaster debris reserve.  
(Note: no increase in the clean-up waste fee is being proposed.)

# Debris reserve

- Would start accumulating funds July 1, 2022
- Cleanup waste funds have averaged ~\$625,000 per year





# Grant program

- Would be activated after a qualifying disaster
- Available to local governments in the region for debris management costs



# Guidelines will address

- Criteria for qualifying disasters and qualifying debris management work
- Grant application and approval process
- Prioritization when grant requests exceed available funds
- Cap on reserve amount



# Proposed reserve & grant program goals

1. *Reserve funds for Metro's own post-disaster debris management costs*
2. *Assist with local government's post-disaster debris management costs*
3. *Support more equitable disaster debris strategies and services*
4. *Speed recovery after disasters*
5. *Maintain public confidence in local and regional governance after a disaster*

# Questions for Council

- 1) Does Council support establishing a reserve fund to save for Metro's own disaster debris costs and provide local governments grants to assist with their post-disaster debris management costs?
- 2) Does Council have input on the proposed program goals?

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# Community Voices at TPAC

Proposed approach for more meaningful and sustained community representation

*Margi Bradway, Deputy Director of Planning, Development and Research*

*Tom Kloster, Regional Planning Manager & TPAC Chair*

*June 2022*





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# Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC)

- ❖ 20-member transportation technical committee
- ❖ Advises the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT)
- ❖ Bylaws approved by JPACT and Metro Council



# TPAC's Role

Make recommendations to JPACT on:

- ❖ Periodic updates and amendments to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)
- ❖ Regional Flexible Fund (RFFA) policy and funding allocations
- ❖ Amendments to the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP)
- ❖ Other regional transportation policy and funding decisions



# TPAC's work has evolved over time

- ❖ Continued growth in workload volume and complexity
- ❖ Adoption of the 2040 Growth Concept (1995) and Climate Smart Strategy (2014) expanded TPAC's role into land use and climate policy
- ❖ Federal regulations have expanded significantly with each federal reauthorization
- ❖ Oregon's statewide planning program continues to add new requirements for the Metro region

# TPAC community members

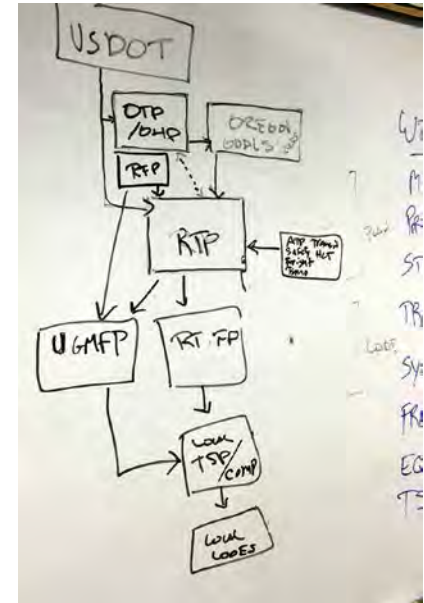
- ❖ Six of the 20 TPAC members are community representatives
- ❖ Appointed by Council to 2-year terms
- ❖ Provide alternative perspectives to those of the 14 government representatives
- ❖ Bring BIPOC representation to a predominantly white space





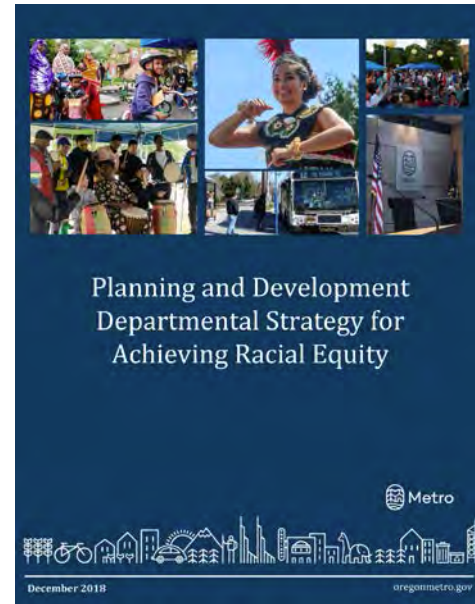
# Challenges to meaningful participation

- ❖ Steep learning curve with a large volume of often technical material to review and discuss
- ❖ Growing TPAC workload has been a special burden for community representatives
- ❖ Committee is a largely white space dominated by senior-level government representatives
- ❖ Remote COVID-era meetings have further undermined ability for community members to participate



# Equity efforts to support our TPAC community members

- ❖ Recruitments focused on BIPOC representation (2014)
- ❖ Stipend program initiated (2019)
- ❖ Expanded staff support (2019)
- ❖ Safe space meeting protocols (2017)
- ❖ DEI workshop series with TPAC members and alternates (2018)



# Proposal for more meaningful and sustained community representation

- ❖ Seek representatives from CBOs who can bring transportation experience and organizational capacity to the role
- ❖ Continued focus on bringing BIPOC representation to the committee
- ❖ Track participation for two years and consider further adjustments, if needed



# Next Steps

Staff requests Council concurrence to begin 2022 recruitment for six community seats with:

- ❖ New focus on CBOs for candidates
- ❖ Continued focus on racial equity and diversity
- ❖ Continue existing reforms (*stipends, safe space protocols, staff support and DEI training*)



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# Questions?







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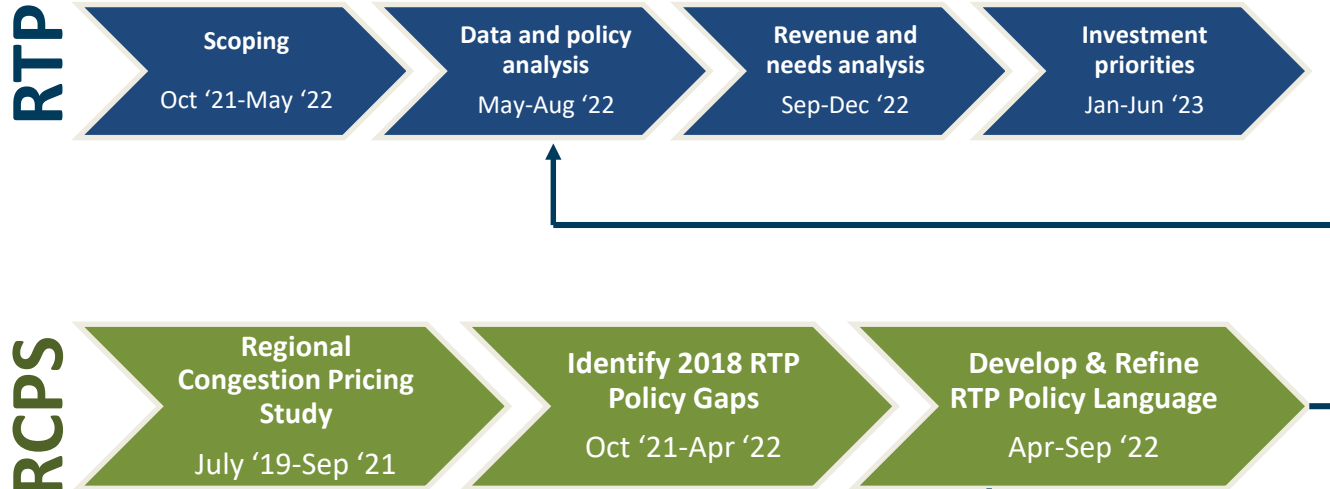
# RTP Congestion Pricing Policy Development

*Metro Council*  
June 21, 2022

# Congestion Pricing Policy Development

- Schedule for 2023 RTP update
- Reminder of Regional Congestion Pricing Study findings
- Brief overview of 2018 RTP congestion pricing policy
- 2023 RTP policy recommendations
- Next Steps
- ODOT update on Oregon Highway Plan Tolling Policy Amendment and Low Income Toll Report

# 2023 RTP Update Schedule



**We are here:** Sharing policy overview with Metro Council

# Congestion Pricing Definition

As defined by Metro in the Region Congestion Pricing Study, **congestion pricing** is the use of a pricing mechanism to:

- Reduce traffic congestion, vehicle miles traveled, and greenhouse gas emissions
- Change traveler behavior (shifting trip times, traveling less often, changing travel modes, carpooling, routes, etc.)

# RCPS - Study Process

- RCPS initiated in summer 2019
- TPAC acted as technical advisory committee, regular meetings with JPACT, Metro Council and other stakeholders
- Developed scenarios and tested with Metro travel demand model
- Developed and shared findings, recommendations, and draft report with partners, TPAC, MPAC, JPACT, Metro Council and expert panel





# Regional Congestion Pricing Study

- All four pricing types **addressed climate and congestion** priorities.
- **All eight scenarios** reduced the drive alone rate, vehicle miles traveled, and emissions, while increasing daily transit trips.
- Geographic distributions of **benefits and costs varied** by scenario.
- There were **tradeoffs** for implementing pricing scenarios.



# RCPS Key Findings – Program Design

## Clarity of goals is essential (i.e. mobility, revenues, equity)

- Optimizing for one priority over another can result in different outcomes.

## Benefits and costs vary by geographies

- Analysis should inform decisions on where to focus engagement, discounts/exemptions, and investments.

## Best practices

- Learning from others, deep dive local analysis, engagement, and monitoring are key

# RCPS Key Findings – Pricing & Equity

## Affordability can be built into a program

- More flexible than current funding sources. Can provide discounts or exemptions key groups from paying.

## Revenue can be focused on equity outcomes

- Invest in key neighborhoods
- Focus on transit, sidewalks, bike lanes
- Invest in senior and disabled services

## Targeting pricing benefits to key locations

- Mobility improvements and air quality

# Expert Input on Methods and Outcomes – *Expert Review Panel April 22, 2021*



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**Clarrissa Cabansagan**

Director of Programs; National leader in transportation policy and mobility justice

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# RCPS Resolution

- In September 2021, Metro Council adopted Resolution No. 21-5179 to accept the findings and recommendations in the final report
- Resolution No. 21-5179 additionally directed staff to incorporate the findings and recommendations from the study in the 2023 RTP update and use them to inform the 2023 RTP update



# April 20, 2022 TPAC/MTAC Workshop

- Provided planning context and RCPS background
- Reviewed 2018 RTP congestion pricing policies and relationship to RCPS findings and recommendations and Expert Review Panel
- Requested feedback from TPAC and MTAC on existing policy and how to move forward with developing 2023 RTP policy

# What We Heard from TPAC/MTAC

- Consider a new RTP section for congestion pricing, and update existing language
- Address program design, including meeting RTP goals
- Address low-income, elderly, and disabled populations, historically marginalized communities
- Include congestion pricing in the financial forecast and equitable funding assessment
- Consider how future corridors should include congestion pricing

# Summary of Recommendations

- NEW Ch. 3 congestion pricing section

- UPDATE definitions for pricing terms
- NEW congestion pricing policies
- Additional information

- UPDATE other RTP Goals, Objectives, and other sections to include pricing

- REVIEW approach to congestion pricing in mobility corridors

- NEW Equitable Funding work; incorporate pricing

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- 1) Mobility
  - 2) Equity
  - 3) Safety & Diversion
  - 4) Climate
  - 5) Emerging Technologies

# 2023 RTP Draft New Chapter 3 Section

- Update definitions for pricing terms
- Describe other pricing work in region
  - ODOT: I-205 Toll Project, I-5 Bridge Replacement, Boone Bridge Replacement, Regional Mobility Pricing Project
  - PBOT Pricing Options for Equitable Mobility
- Overview of federal pricing programs (Section 129, VPPP)
- Describe HB 2017 + HB 3055 tolling policies
- Discuss potential revenue opportunities and limitations under Article IX, section 3A

# 2023 RTP Draft New Chapter 3 Section

- Mobility: Implement congestion pricing programs that improve regional mobility by managing congestion, reducing VMT, and increasing transportation options through investments in modal alternatives, including transit-supportive elements and increased access to transit.



# 2023 RTP Draft New Chapter 3 Section

- Equity: Implement congestion pricing programs that integrate equity and affordability from the outset.
  - Include spotlight/example of ODOT's Equity and Mobility Advisory Committee (EMAC) and/or City of Portland's Pricing Options for Equitable Mobility (POEM) Task Force

# 2023 RTP Draft New Chapter 3 Section

- Safety and Diversion: Implement congestion pricing programs that reduce overall automobile trips, address traffic safety and minimize diversion.

# 2023 RTP Draft New Chapter 3 Section

- Climate: Implement congestion pricing programs that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and vehicle miles travelled while increasing access to low-carbon travel options.

# 2023 RTP Draft New Chapter 3 Section

- Emerging Technologies: Coordinate emerging technologies and pricing programs to create an integrated transportation experience for the users of the system.

# 2023 RTP Draft Updates

Update the following goals, objectives, policies and sections:

- Goal 4: Reliability and Efficiency, Objective 4.6 Pricing
- Climate Smart Strategy policies (3.2.3.2), Policy 5
- Safety and Security Policies (3.2.1.4), Policy 4
- Transportation Demand Management Policies (3.11), Policy 1
- Regional Motor Vehicle Network Policies (3.5), Policies 6 and 12, Table 3.7



# 2023 RTP Mobility Corridors

- 2018 RTP identified mobility corridors recommended for future corridor refinement plans
- These corridor descriptions referenced pricing in a variety of contexts, but not in a consistent manner
- Metro staff will be looking at corridor refinement planning work more comprehensively moving forward, including how to address pricing

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# Next Steps – RTP Update

- Wednesday, July 13 - TPAC
- Wednesday, July 27 - MPAC
- Thursday, July 28 - Joint Metro Council/JPACT workshop
- Return this Fall to review revised RTP policy language/guidance memo
- Early fall: related work on RTP financially constrained revenue forecast and RTP finance chapter, including congestion pricing assumptions and equitable funding background research

# Discussion

- Does Metro Council have questions regarding the process for incorporating congestion pricing policy into the 2023 RTP Update?
- Does Metro Council have feedback on the 2018 RTP congestion pricing policies or how they are related to the RCPS findings and recommendations or Expert Review Panel?
- Does Metro Council have feedback on the proposed draft recommendations for congestion pricing policy in the 2023 RTP update?

# Coordination with Oregon Highway Plan Tolling Policy Amendment

- Metro and ODOT required to coordinate on the RTP and OHP through a "continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive (3 C)" planning process
- On-going coordination between Metro and ODOT staff
- RTP Update and OHP Tolling Policy Amendment occurring on parallel tracks
- Concurrent updates to Metro committees on RTP + OHP
- Align language and policy goals to the extent possible, acknowledging differences



# Metro Council

June 21, 2022



# Oregon Highway Plan Amendment

# Purpose

- The Oregon Highway Plan needs to be refreshed to frame congestion pricing and tolling policy
- Policy updates are needed to address evolving equity, climate, safety, modernization, and funding goals
- Policies need to be in place to inform the rulemaking process for I-205 Toll Rate Setting that will begin fall 2022

# OHP Amendment Scope

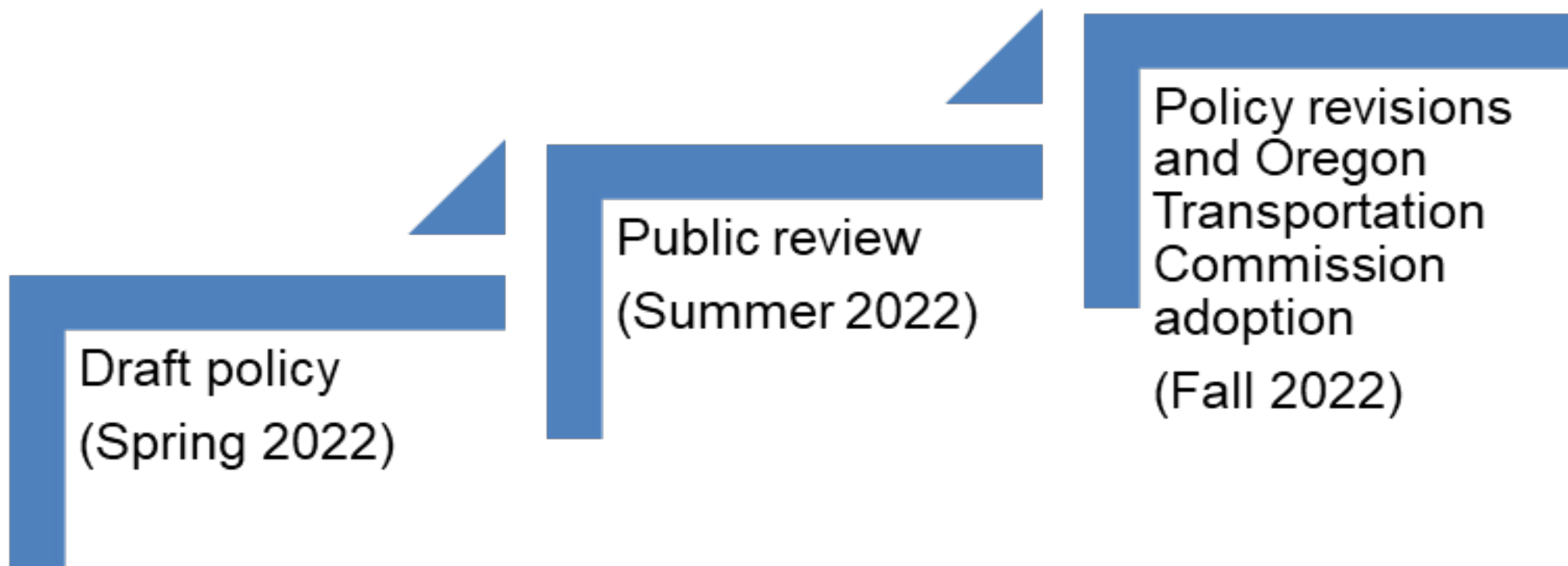
- Toll policies are primarily located in Goal 6 of the Oregon Highway Plan (last amended in 2012)
- Defines types of road pricing
- Clarifying the need and goals for tolling and toll-based congestion pricing
- Incorporate connections to equity and climate goals, initiatives, and targets
- Provide guidance on rate setting and use of revenues (e.g. balancing highway and transit and multimodal investment, low-income impacts, and diversion's impact on neighborhood health and safety)

# What's Not Addressed

- Toll rates and revenue estimates
- Identification of specific investments that are funded through toll projects, which includes mitigation, are determined by the project sponsor and partners



# Schedule



# How you can get involved?

- Engagement opportunities
  - June 30 informational webinar
  - July 20 public hearing
  - Public comment period is open until August 1
- Future discussions at TPAC, JPACT, and Metro Council coming to compare regional and state congestion pricing and toll policy updates

# Draft Policy

# Types of Road Pricing

- Flat rate toll
  - A fee that remains constant throughout the day for the use of a facility. Revenue from flat rate tolls are used for specific infrastructure such as bridges, tunnels, or other costs associated with the tolled infrastructure.
- Congestion Pricing
  - Fee rates change throughout the day in response to demand. Prices are displayed on electronic signs prior to corresponding priced roadway section

# 6.1 Utilize tolling, congestion pricing or a combination to achieve desired outcomes

## Actions

- Consider congestion pricing high levels of congestion exist or are anticipated
- Develop application specific objectives for tolling and congestion pricing consistent with policies in this plan
- Roadway pricing options must not conflict with other statewide goals
- Emphasize historically/currently underrepresented/underserved communities.
- Road pricing options must consider function of the facility

# 6.2 Utilize road tolls to help fund infrastructure improvements

## Actions

- Tolling should be considered as an initial source of sustainable funding when other funding sources are inadequate
- Utilize flat-rate tolling to raise funds for construction, operations, maintenance and administration of specific infrastructure
- Projects that are expected to exceed \$100 million should be evaluated with tolling
- Complete a comprehensive funding plan for projects utilizing tolling to pay for improvements



# 6.3 Use congestion pricing to reduce traffic congestion

## Actions

- Congestion pricing should be evaluated for facilities with AADT/C of 9.0 or greater or vehicle speeds are less than 45 mph
- Before adding roadway capacity, demand management strategies, transit service / multimodal improvements, and pricing should be considered to address throughway deficiencies and bottlenecks
- Pair pricing with other actions to address roadway congestion holistically
- Congestion pricing should have an expected schedule with the ability to manage impacts to people experiencing low-incomes

# 6.4 Connect to our climate goals and targets

## Actions

- Roadway pricing should be structured to minimize diversion of freight or longer trips to local roads and encourage VMT reduction
- Evaluate implementation of road pricing as a strategy to limit or reduce future vehicular travel demand from planned land use development

# 6.5 Connect shifting travel to off-peak hours and to biking, walking, and public transportation to the design and operations of road pricing mechanisms

## Actions

- Pursue congestion pricing strategies to manage demand so that the recurring congestion performance objectives are met during all hours of the day
- Upon met toll bond obligations, consider congestion pricing strategies for ongoing reliability and demand management
- During toll project development collaborate with transit agencies, local jurisdictions, and other modal groups to understand ways to enhance multi-modal options

# 6.6 Center equity when designing tolling and pricing frameworks

## Actions

- Engrain equity into decision-making process and ensure equitable outcomes are achieved when developing, implementing, and managing road pricing programs, by:
  - Ensure full participation of impacted populations/communities throughout the project.
  - Explore how road pricing will impact overall household budgets and maintain affordability.
  - Identify ways to support multi-modal access
  - Project will consider impacts such as community health

# Low-Income Toll Report

# Background & Process

- Directed by HB 3055 and due to the state legislature by September 15, 2022
- Report will share options for consideration around income thresholds and discount type
- Report developed and refined through research, engagement, and analysis
- Will be available for public comment this summer



# Document Overview

- Introduction
- EMAC – Recommendations and feedback
- Stakeholder engagement summary
- Technical analysis
  - Sensitivity tests
  - Income threshold considerations
  - Value-of-time considerations
- Regional analysis
  - Income levels by geography
  - Eligibility for the Portland region
- Case study findings
- Evaluation framework
- Options for consideration
- Best practices

# Options & Best Practices

## Options for Consideration

- Income threshold
- Discount type
- Income verification

## Best Practices

- Implementation considerations for:
  - Transponders
  - Payment options
  - Communications & outreach
  - Enrollment
  - Program monitoring and adjustment

# Learn more about the **Regional Transportation Plan** at:

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