



WASHINGTON COUNTY OREGON

July 14, 2021

Councilor Craddick, JPACT Chair
Metro
600 NE Grand Ave
Portland OR 97232

RE: Metro Resolution 21-1579; Regional Congestion Pricing Study

Dear Members of JPACT & Metro Council,

We are writing to share our thoughts on the Regional Congestion Pricing Study Final Report and draft Resolution 21-1579.

Overall, we believe this is an extremely useful technical study to better understand the climate and equity impacts of various congestion pricing models. Additionally, we appreciate the excellent staff work and the inclusion of the Expert Panel, which brought forth valuable experience from other jurisdictions that are already implementing congestion pricing.

The study provides a high-level overview of four types of congestion pricing and highlights the challenges of implementation and the wide-ranging benefits and impacts across the region. This is a complex topic and our region still has much to learn about tolling through the ODOT toll program and congestion pricing approaches elsewhere. The considerations in the study can serve as a foundation for additional analysis and policy development.

Therefore, we recommend that JPACT and Metro Council acknowledge the study and provide the time needed for Metro and/or the agencies that would implement congestion pricing to perform additional analysis and broad outreach to inform the development of regional pricing policy for JPACT review in conjunction with development of the 2023 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) update.

More specifically, we endorse the proposed revision to the resolution's second "Be It Resolved" clause based on TPAC's recommendation of July 9, 2021:

2. *The Metro Council hereby directs staff to 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.*

Sincerely,

Chair Kathryn Harrington

On behalf of the full Board of County Commissioners

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