

Regional Congestion Pricing Study work plan | At-A-Glance

PROJECT START-UP DOCUMENT EXISTING
CONDITIONS
(BEST PRACTICES,
INEQUITY, GROWING
CONGESTION)

ESTABLISH ANALYSIS
METHODS, IDENTIFY
PERFORMANCE
MEASURES, AND DEFINE
SCENARIOS

CONDUCT SCENARIO ANALYSIS, REVIEW RESULTS, AND PREPARE FINDINGS

INTROSPECTION AND RECOMMENDED NEXT STEPS

Summer 2019 - Winter 2020

Define the work plan including the analysis, objectives, purpose and schedule.

Hire a consultant team to support the analytical study and bring a pricing expertise lens.

Review and refine the geographic and pricing tool scope of regional congestion pricing study.

Coordinate with other concurrent pricing projects, including Portland's Pricing Options for Equitable Mobility and ODOT's I-5 and I-205 Tolling Project.

Winter - Fall 2020

Document existing pricing policies and pricing as a demand management tool for the region.

Clarify which aspects of pricing are being deferred to future pricing work and implementation.

Begin a series of technical papers covering topics such as: transportation equity, pricing best practices, the state of the current transportation system, and projected congestion and growth.

Winter 2020 - Fall 2020

Define pricing scenarios for evaluation including scenario assumptions and base networks.

Identify performance measures to evaluate scenarios linked to the study's goals.

Document methodology, performance measures, scenario definitions.

Engage equity experts for input on the study.

Gather feedback from technical review committees.

Summer 2020 - Late 2020

Test and evaluate initial round of pricing scenarios.

Review results. Identify scenarios that do not make progress towards study goals.

Identify promising scenarios and further refine and analyze them.

Develop findings and package the scenario evaluation into a draft report.

Gather feedback on results and draft findings from technical review and policy committees.

Late 2020 – Early 2021

Convene expert panel to review scenario analysis results and findings. Expert panel to provide thoughts and considerations for next steps.

Finalize report with feedback and input from expert panel, policy, and technical review committees.

Develop recommendations for next steps.

Metro Council endorsement of findings (early 2021).

Ongoing partner coordination

DELIVERABLES

Work plan

Coordination agreement among partners

Research

Begin technical papers

Documented methodology for conducting the Regional Congestion Pricing Study

Draft report – Regional Congestion Pricing Study – results and findings Final report – Regional Congestion Pricing Study – results and findings

Technical Papers completed

Expert panel

Recommendations of next steps

Present findings to Metro Council and JPACT