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 Funding Solution

**P-0020-001** | Has anyone thought of earmarking a portion of the taxes that Oregon takes (steals) from Washington residents who work in Oregon for the new bridge construction.

It would be nice to see those taxes go towards something that directly benefit the non-resident Oregonians who have to pay them.

**P-0020-002** | How about a free yearly Columbia River Crossing toll pass for every non-resident Oregon tax payer.



### **P-0020-001**

Please refer to Chapter 4 of the FEIS for a description of the current plans for funding construction and operation of the LPA. This discussion provides an updated assessment of likely funding sources for this project, though it is not common practice to receive funding commitments until the alternative selection process is complete. As described in the FEIS, project funding is expected to come from a variety of local, state, and federal sources, with federal funding and tolls providing substantial revenue for the construction. As Oregon and Washington businesses and residents will benefit from the project's multi-modal improvements, both states have been identified as contributors to the project.

### **P-0020-002**

Details of the tolling system are still being refined as the project development enters the final design stage. It is currently not anticipated that transit users, bicyclists or pedestrians will pay a toll. Additionally, certain toll discounts or waivers for other groups have been and will continue to be considered. The ultimate decision on any tolling options will be made by both the Washington and Oregon Transportation Commissions.