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Attachments:

P-0028-001 | I think a toll bridge is an excellant idea to pay for a new river crossing. As long as the Bus riders/Trimet riders pay an additional fee to cross the river. I strongly feel and suggest that the bike riders also pay a toll as they so far have gotten a free ride on our gasoline tax dollars what with bike lanes, Green stops, loss of traffic lanes, and loss of parking. I sugest you explore options such as fast Track used in California where you hold up an electronic card to the windshield as you cross the bridge an the toll is automaticly subtracted from your account. Paying for individual crossings would require drivers to use a seperate lane. This system seems to work well for them.

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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.

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Details and policies for the tolling system will be decided by the transportation commissions and legislatures of both states. However, the project has proposed and assumed that an electronic tolling system will be used. Electronic tolling collection (ETC) is a cashless toll collection system using the latest electronic technology. ETC promotes free-flowing traffic by eliminating the need for toll booths and allowing all vehicles to pay a toll without stopping.

ETC systems in use today allow drivers to purchase an inexpensive, credit card sized transponder that is placed on the inside windshield of their car. When driving through the toll collection point, radio equipment above the road scans the transponder and deducts the toll from the user's account. User accounts could be linked to a credit or debit card, or they could be prepaid.

Infrequent travelers without a transponder would be charged via a video camera that can quickly scan and photograph license plates. A bill for the cost of the toll and a processing fee can be sent to the registered vehicle owner.

All personal information necessary to use the ETC system would be maintained by the State DOT, as is now being done with WSDOT's Good To Go! Program that is collecting tolls for facilities such as the

Tacoma Narrows bridge. The use of this information, like all personal information provided to the state, will follow state privacy guidelines.