

ODOT does not need to waste money on expanding these freeways. This is a colossal waste of money regardless of how it is being paid for. This project is not about freight movement. Freight makes up less than 15% of the traffic on the freeways system. If you toll the car drivers and not the freight, then freight supporting the Oregon Economy has a free ride through Portland. 15% of the traffic – there is capacity as is with the proposed tolls. Revenues from these tolls should be used to maximize equity for poor residents in Portland and those hard workers throughout the state who have been left behind with Portland's boom. Instead of keeping this money locked in expanding the Portland freeway, a slice of the pie should be used for freight improvements in industrial areas in the Portland Region and for much needed repair and maintenance throughout the state where ODOT highways and freeways are really the only option for the area. Dedicating the money to expanding the freeway is not needed. It only benefits the car centric lifestyle and home values of suburban communities – Happy Valley (median household income \$125,000), West Linn (\$110,000), Lake Oswego (\$110,000), Tualatin (\$85,000), and of course Washington suburbs like Camas (\$110,000). Are Oregon representatives outside of the Portland Region really going to lock up all of this ODOT toll revenue on expanding freeways for these wealthy drivers? If I were living somewhere else in Oregon I would want that revenue taken from booming Portland, and fairly distributed so ODOT can fix, maintain, or replace roads in my community. ODOT needs to improve freight infrastructure in other parts of the state, creating jobs throughout the state, and not lock these millions of tolling dollars up in Portland which is obviously so successful it hurts. The Portland region already spent billions of dollars on light rail and commuter rail. Why should ODOT take all of the toll money to make sure that the wealthiest residents in the state don't need to slum it on public transportation. A slice of the pie should be dedicated to public transportation for all the drivers kicked off the road because of the new tolls. The backers of this bill are really pulling one over on the rest of the state by saying this \$ needs to be locked up on freight movement in Portland. And once Portland gets its freeways, there is no way they'll go for funding the roads in the rest of the state. Try getting them to fund the rest of Oregon once they get their freeway expansions. If this bill passes - Jokes on you rest of Oregon.