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Joint Legislative Committee on Transportation

Oregon State Capitol

Salem, OR 97301

Dear Chairs Beyer and McKeown and Vice-Chairs Boquist and Olson,

We applaud the leadership of the Oregon Legislature, the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) and the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) on congestion pricing, also known as value pricing. The Portland metropolitan area continues to grow in population and so do the demands on our regional transportation system. Congestion pricing is a tool that could help improve travel times in the region, and we are supportive of ODOT's value pricing efforts.

House Bill 2017, also known as Keep Oregon Moving, directs the OTC to develop a proposal for value pricing on I-5 and I-205 from the Washington state line to the junction of the two freeways just south of Tualatin, with the goal of reducing congestion. The Legislature directed the OTC to seek approval from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) no later than December 31, 2018. If FHWA approves, the OTC is required to implement value pricing. Many of the members of the Portland region's Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) participate in ODOT's Value Pricing Advisory Committee and are working with ODOT to make that process successful. However, we believe more time is needed to weigh in on this important proposal.

On behalf of JPACT, I am writing to respectfully request that the Oregon Legislature slow down the process and allow for more public input. Although we understand the urgency of addressing congestion in the Portland region, we believe that more input from the public is needed. We understand you are currently considering various changes to last session's HB 2017 in a new bill, HB 4060. We ask you to amend HB 4060 to allow more time for ODOT to engage stakeholders in the Portland region. This is a new concept and people need time to understand the benefits and potential impacts of congestion pricing, even as it applies to this study.

Please consider amending HB 4060 to allow more time for the public to provide feedback.

Again, thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Councilor Craig Dirksen
JPACT Chair

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