



Interstate Bridge Replacement Program Toll Rate Scenarios Update

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Toll Rate Scenario Update Overview

- The Interstate Bridge Replacement Program anticipates a shift in the start of tolling on the existing I-5 bridges over the Columbia River by about one year from Spring 2026 to Spring 2027.
- To address this shift, direction is sought from the Oregon and Washington Transportation Commissions on potential changes to the existing four toll rate scenarios included in the Level 3 traffic & revenue analysis.
- In May 2025, the Interstate Bridge Bi-State Tolling Subcommittee recommended an option for approval by the Oregon and Washington Transportation Commissions.

Joint Commission Level 3 T&R Study Toll Scenarios

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Weekday Toll Rates & Hours (2026 \$)		Weekend Toll Rates & Hours (2026 \$)	Truck Toll Multipliers	Toll Escalation	Low-Income Toll Program
Pre-Completion	Post Completion				
\$1.55 - 3.20	\$1.55 - 3.65	Two Step (Min/Midday)	2.0x / 4.0x	2.15% Annually	50% Discount when New Bridge Opens

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Weekday Toll Rates & Hours (2026 \$)		Weekend Toll Rates & Hours (2026 \$)	Truck Toll Multipliers	Toll Escalation	Low-Income Toll Program
Pre-Completion	Post Completion				
\$1.55 - 3.65	\$1.65 - 3.90	Three Step (Min/Mid/Peak)	1.5x / 3.0x	2.15% Annually	50% Discount when New Bridge Opens

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Weekday Toll Rates & Hours (2026 \$)		Weekend Toll Rates & Hours (2026 \$)	Truck Toll Multipliers	Toll Escalation	Low-Income Toll Program
Pre-Completion	Post Completion				
\$1.65 - 3.90	\$1.65 - 3.90	Two Step (Min/Midday)	1.5x / 3.0x	2.15% Annually	50% Discount <i>as soon as practical</i>

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Weekday Toll Rates & Hours (2026 \$)		Weekend Toll Rates & Hours (2026 \$)	Truck Toll Multipliers	Toll Escalation	Low-Income Toll Program
Pre-Completion	Post Completion				
\$2.00 - \$4.70	\$2.00 - \$4.70	Three Step (Min/Mid/Peak)	1.5x / 3.0x	3% Every 2 Years	50% Discount <i>as soon as practical</i>

Options Considered to Address Spring 2027 Updated Start of Tolling

Description of options:	Trade-offs and considerations:
<p>Option A: Shift the current toll rates out one year so the initial tolls remain unchanged, with toll rate escalation commencing in year two of tolling</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sticks to the original toll rates by scenario, ensuring year-one toll rates are unchanged from plan, with planned escalation rates to start in year 2. • Results in about 2% less toll revenues in each year.
<p>Option B: Shift the current toll rates out one year per and implement higher escalation rates in the second and third years</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports revenue generation expectations while allowing the year-one toll rates to remain unchanged. • Escalation rates in years 2 and 3 would then be higher than currently planned to restore anticipated annual revenues.
<p>Option C: Commence tolling with rates starting at the escalated levels originally planned for year two of tolling</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Starts tolls higher in year one, as opposed to retaining planned toll rates at start date. • Supports annual revenue generation expectations, despite commencing tolling one year later.

Bi-State Tolling Subcommittee: Recommends Option B

- In May 2025, the Interstate Bridge Bi-State Tolling Subcommittee recommended Option B for addressing changes to existing scenarios.
 - To shift current Year 1 toll rates to Spring 2027 and to restore anticipated annual revenues, Option B includes toll rate escalation of 3.24% in Year 2 and 3 of tolling before returning to originally planned annual escalation of 2.15%.
- The Bi-State Tolling Subcommittee recommendation is consistent with the direction to WSTC members of the subcommittee provided by Commissioners at the May WSTC meeting.

Next Steps

- Approval sought from the Washington and Oregon Transportation Commissions for Option B as the approach to revise current toll rate scenarios with the Spring 2027 updated start of tolling.
 - Option B is as recommended by the Interstate Bridge Bi-State Tolling Subcommittee in May.
 - Scheduled for consideration at the WSTC's June Commission meeting and at the OTC's July Commission meeting.
- Initial Level 3 traffic & revenue results for the four toll rate scenarios is anticipated in October 2025.

Discussion & Commission Action

Thank You!

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