Proposed Commission Direction to Bi-State Tolling Subcommittee

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Background

- At the joint meeting of the Oregon and Washington State Transportation Commissions on June 5, 2026, Commissioners discussed proposed direction to the Bi-State Tolling Subcommittee (BTS) on topics needing further assessment and consideration.
- A proposed list of topics is proposed for WSTC review and approval today following further discussion of proposed direction at the Oregon Transportation Commission's meeting in June 2026, and additional Commissioner feedback.
- Guidance and related input from the BTS on these topics will be reported out at the next joint meeting of the Oregon and Washington State Commissions in late 2026 or early 2027.

NOTE: The list of topics represent areas of interest and inquiry as raised by individual Commissioners of the Oregon and Washington State Transportation Commissions. This list does not imply endorsement or preference by either Commission for any specific topic or policy. It is possible that additional topics may be explored by either the BTS or Commissions in the future.

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- Based upon the four scenarios currently assessed for the Level 3 Toll Traffic and Revenue Study, review and provide guidance on the toll rate schedule, policies, and rate elements including, but not limited to:
  - Options for pre / post completion tolling
  - Timing for implementation of a low-income toll discount
  - Toll rate escalation options

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- Review the toll rate amounts and proposed hourly schedule of variable hourly toll rates for weekdays and weekends.
- Review potential financing options and the trade-offs to inform rate-setting considerations.
- Review the current traffic volume forecasts prepared for financial planning and for environmental analysis purposes for the Interstate Bridge Replacement Program to further understanding of:
  - Projected traffic performance of the I-5 Bridge
  - Projected diversion to alternative modes of transportation and routes, including I-205

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- In assessing toll rate scenarios the following should be addressed:
  - Assessment of alternative options for toll rate and policy choices should be constrained to the menu of options in the current four scenarios
  - Potential changes to the existing scenarios must maintain financial sufficiency
  - Confirmation of financial sufficiency for preferred scenarios
- Review and assess approaches to carrying out public outreach on possible toll rates and policies and develop options for public engagement.

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Next Steps

- Final Commission direction to the Bi-State Tolling Subcommittee will be posted on each Commission's website after approval for public information.

- Next meeting of the Bi-State Tolling Subcommittee (virtual meeting) is scheduled for the morning of August 26 (time TBD).

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