



**Commissioner Chloe Eudaly**  
City of Portland

April 3, 2019

Commission Chair Tammy Baney  
Oregon Department of Transportation  
355 Capitol Street NE, MS 11  
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Dear Chair Baney,

As Portland's Transportation Commissioner I want to highlight an issue of concern for myself, City Council, and many residents of Portland. We all know that we cannot build our way out of our congestion problems and that variably pricing our packed roadways is critical to managing that congestion. I thank the Commission for its work to date pursuing congestion pricing on the I-5 corridor in Portland.

However, we still have a great deal of work ahead of us to ensure that the pricing proposal begins and ends in the right locations, that it is designed to truly manage demand, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, promote safety on local streets, and that the program works to benefit low-income communities, and communities of color who have been disproportionately impacted by past projects. I know that the Transportation Commission shares these values, and I look forward to achieving these outcomes together.

Simultaneously, the Portland region is working on the I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project. As this project moves forward I want to highlight how its timing will fit with our congestion reduction goals, specifically variable pricing on the I-5 corridor. Portland City Council unanimously amended its Central City Plan in 2018 to specifically emphasize the need for congestion pricing to be in place before the I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project is completed and open to the public.

To quote from the plan:

4. ODOT, in partnership with PBOT will implement congestion pricing and TDM options to mitigate for climate impacts as soon as feasible and prior to the opening of the project.\*

As this condition makes clear, the Oregon Department of Transportation must coordinate the eventual implementation of congestion pricing with the I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project - I do not believe this is in ODOT's current plan.

I look forward to your prompt response to this issue and am committed to continuing to work with the Commission on the myriad of transportation challenges and opportunities that face our State and region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chloe Eudaly". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chloe Eudaly  
Commissioner, City of Portland

CC: Governor Kate Brown  
Metro Council  
ODOT Region One Manager  
Portland City Council  
Multnomah County Commission

\*Portland Central City Plan 2035: Code TR120, pg.139