

Subject: Toll roads, transponders, & fair share

I've been a staunch supporter of toll roads for years. Transponders affixed to car windshields are read at strategic toll stations & charged to the license-holder.

As a resident of PORTLAND I object to all outsiders — Beaverton, Lake Oswego, Vancouver WA, Gresham, Troutdale, Estacada etc — using Portland streets & bridges — infrastructure in general — without paying for them. I purposely live inner city for convenience. Why should others not provide their fair share in the cost of our infrastructure? This includes bicycle commuters. Attaching a license number to a bicycle allows for those entering City portals to be charged as well. Not sure I'd go to the trouble of assessing foot traffic from outside Portland but clearly see the opportunity for someone to establish a bike valet (like OHSU does) just outside Portland portals to allow public transport & foot traffic. Lots of creative ideas might emerge given this mandate.

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