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At its meeting on June 12, 2018, the C-TRAN Board of Directors approved sending this letter to the Oregon Department of Transportation that outlines key issues and considerations as the work of the Portland Metro Area Value Pricing Policy Advisory Committee is scheduled to soon complete their work.

Although C-TRAN is not a member of the Portland Metro Area Value Pricing Policy Advisory Committee, the agency has been closely monitoring the development of the Feasibility Study and appreciates the opportunity to discuss its development with ODOT and other stakeholder agency staff. Prior to any final recommendations or decisions being made, C-TRAN would like to take this opportunity to offer the following transit related considerations and questions that we believe should be answered first:

1. Based on current conditions, C-TRAN is the only transit agency that provides fixed route bus service on both I-5 and I-205.
2. The level of service provided by C-TRAN on the interstates in Oregon makes C-TRAN the fourth largest transit agency in the state of Oregon.
3. Should any value pricing options be implemented in Oregon, it remains unclear whether C-TRAN will be exempt from paying the toll. C-TRAN requests any action taken by the project's PAC include a recommendation exempting transit.
4. Can value pricing revenue collected in Oregon be used to fund C-TRAN service that operates in the state of Oregon?
5. Can value pricing revenue collected in Oregon be used to fund C-TRAN equipment and facilities?
6. If the answer is no to either or both No. 4 and No. 5 above, please explain what action(s) would be required to make the answer yes.
7. For all of the current value pricing options being considered, please provide how the option will impact the existing I-5 northbound High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane.

While this list is not intended to be exhaustive, it does reflect some of the agency's key issues that we request responses to prior to the completion of the Value Pricing Feasibility Study.

Sincerely,

Marc Boldt
Chair, C-TRAN Board of Directors

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C-TRAN Chief Executive Officer