

Projects: Environmental Justice Workgroup

Transportation Subcommittee

Congestion Pricing (CP)

REVENUE INVESTMENT EQUITY MATRIX	
INVESTMENT STRATEGY	EQUITY IMPACTS
Road expansion	Does not add more affordable options.
Mix of road expansion and transit	Some drivers can shift to new, more affordable modes. Transit users also benefit.
Transit, walking, and bike infrastructure with targeted carpool, vanpool, and new mobility options where needed	Allows greater shift to more affordable and sustainable modes.
Transit, walking, and bike infrastructure with an intensive focus on vulnerable communities	Significant expansion of commute options and reduction in user costs (if fares are reduced on transit and other mobility options).

- Potential to be harmful to individuals and families who have been displaced due to gentrification
- Revenues from Congestion Pricing in Portland will have to be channeled back into the Highway Trust Fund
- In 2018, ODOT announced in a Congestion Pricing FAQ that CP revenue will be used to add new lanes on I-5 and I-205

TransForm CA: Pricing Roads, Advancing Equity Report; January 2019

Energy Subcommittee

Clean Energy Jobs, HB 2020

In partnership with OPAL and Oregon Just Transition Alliance (OJTA)

- Advocating for clear reinvestment in impacted communities, including Tribes
- Current decision-making structure is inequitable, politicized, lacks transparency and community representation
- Lack of consideration for and investment in rural and low-income drivers
- Includes exemption for municipal waste incineration

Oregon Just Transition Alliance (OJTA) HB 2020 Recommended Amendments; March 2019



Achievements



Transportation Subcommittee

- Issue briefs created for current and relevant community efforts and policies happening on state, regional, and local levels
- Subcommittee chair nominated
- Advancing government partnerships with PBOT and Metro

Energy Subcommittee

- Signed onto OJTA's HB 2020 Recommended Amendments letter
- Participated in weekly calls and webinars to discuss updates and amendments to the bill
- Advanced partnerships with minority-led community organizations

Next Steps

Short-term:

- Build partnerships with Bus Riders Unite and the Youth Environmental Justice Alliance (YEJA)
- Determine official area of focus for both subcommittees, based on member feedback and interest
- Develop issue-based education campaign(s) in preparation for the 2020 election
- Continue meeting bimonthly with individual subcommittees

Long-term:

- Build capacity in subcommittees and overall Workgroup
- Support the advancement of Black environmental leaders by strengthening political participation within Portland's Black and African-descent communities

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