

Congestion Pricing Committee

Notebook: Transportation

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Attendees:

- David Ungemah
- Myron Swisher
- Ed Regan
- Angela Jacobs
- Toi L.
- Adrian Moore
- Jim Gilispee
- Dick Mudge
- Mike Laurence
- Mark Burris
- Paula Allen
- Joe Horton
- Asha Agrawl
- Mark Norman
- Tim Haile
- Barb Rohde
- Stephanie Wiggins (phone)
- Debra Perkins Smith
- Roger Herz (phone)
- Patrick Vu (phone)
- Trey Baker (phone)
- Don Samdahl (phone)
- Derek Toups (phone)
- Tom Higgins (phone)

Research needs

- Shows the overlap between revenue and congestion pricing in the conversation.
- Need for revenue could be teh biggest motivating factor; managing demand is not as big of a factor moving forward
- Despite best efforts, we need to better advance public education and understanding. No concrete ideas
- Additional need: a means of documenting the broader findings from public involvement efforts conducted for projects.
- Adrian volunteered to put student workers towards this effort.

Subcommittee summaries

- VMT Revenues - good meeting for VMT revenues. Overview of IBTTA symposium meeting. Name change to "Mileage Based User Fees Joint Subcommittee", with potential review of

the use of the word "Mileage". Suggestion of a joint session on MBOF but only speakers from "the new cast" instead of Oregon, Nevada, Minnesota. Linkage of congestion pricing with greenhouse gas reduction.

- Outreach - what is the point / intention of the outreach subcommittee. Develop a clear plan for outreach. Workshop opportunities for behavioral economics (potential Thursday all-day), birthing plan half-day (Sunday), carpooling and congestion pricing half-day (Sunday). Will need to market heavily, and orient towards getting people out earlier. Next year, including a review of FHWA's outreach efforts, potential paper award named for Herb Mohring
- Multimodal Pricing - recap from managed lanes conference in Oakland. Pricing strategies as relevant. Three topics: 1) managed lane systems and how going from a single facility to a system affects different user groups, 2) impacts of managed lanes on alternative modes (transit and carpooling), and 3) TDM interrelation. Research topics: pricing signals as they effect different modes, freight pricing (role of congestion pricing as it relates to freight). Recommendation for workshop on the effects of congestion pricing on the use of alternative modes, and in particular, look at how TDM strategies can help make congestion pricing successful. TDM committee very eager to embrace this topic as a joint workshop. FHWA interest in casual carpooling - Zia Zmud is running the research. Houston no longer has casual carpooling; may see how I-495 will change slugging. Transportation Economics committee would like to be involved in the carpooling workshop / topic. Transportation Economics would like to be involved in these topics.
- Economics of Pricing. Discussed the managed lanes conference in Oakland. Mentioned the guest speaker from Google discussing logistics. We need to get more "outside industry" speakers. Whole session of outsiders on how they view transportation issues and problems. Discussed the SR-237 / I-880 HOT connector, with revenues exceeding expectations. Doug Lee introduced the TRUCE sketch model with multiple congestion pricing options. TRUCE version 5.

TRB Updates

- Public Private Partnerships subcommittee was formed by Revenue and Finance. Looking for cosponsors. Inviting other committees to join them in their interests. Root of P3 issue cuts across so many areas.
- Public Involvement Committee is inviting ABE25 to cosponsor the poster session.
- Committee members are required to review the papers.
- Will be sending out post-conference survey

Strategic Plan

- Section plan is still in the works
- No requested revisions
- TRB Critical Issues in Transportation - last version written in 2004 with slight updates in 2009. Executive committee will be updating the critical issues document. Will reach out to standing committee chairs.

Committee Website

- Desire for creating a more interactive forum for the refreshed, revived congestion pricing

website.

- Access to current resources for the new website formation
- Want to avoid flooding individuals' inboxes
- Multiple administrators
- One-pagers on projects: gather from the priced managed lane guide; FHWA ok to have them shared

Annual Meeting

- Call for posters with managed lanes (Don, Myron, Tim Haile, and Stephanie Wiggins)
- Call for papers current with experimental economics
- Reauthorization - if it goes in a new direction, it would be good to hear what it all might mean.
- Session on Current Drivers for Congestion Pricing

Project Updates

- First express lanes will open the I-110 in October; I-10 in December or January