

Tolling Has Exorbitant Cost and Privacy Issues

Expensive Overhead

Today's "Modern" tolling systems are much more expensive than many people realize. For every dollar paid in a toll, 44% goes to pay overhead. So for every \$100 paid in tolls, **only \$56 goes to pay for the actual bridge and "Other Uses" (as yet undefined).**

Loss of Privacy

To pay the **base** toll charge, drivers will have to have a transponder within their vehicle. The transponder can be used to **track** the vehicle's location via cell towers. The alternative, which allows you to retain your privacy, requires added fees to the base toll charge.

"Pay As You Go" Peak Period Example

Fee Breakdown		Where the Fees Go	
Toll	\$6.00	Pay as You Go	\$3.00
License Plate Identification Fee	\$1.00	Toll Overhead 44%	\$2.64
Handling Charge	\$2.00	To Bridge and Other Uses	\$3.36
Total One Way Expense	\$9.00	Total One Way Expense	\$9.00

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Where are the Additional Fees Going?

Of the \$9.00 one way fee, only \$3.36 goes toward repayment of the bridge and "Other Uses."

Alternative Payment Method

An EBT card, also known as a "food stamp card," will be able to be used to pay the toll. Imagine being at poverty level and having to use your EBT card to get to your job, (ETB is currently being used on the Tacoma Narrow tolling system). This form of payment maybe treated as the "pay as you go" system with a \$3.00 each way charge in addition to the toll payment.

Some Don't Pay, Others Pay More

Approximately 10% of the systems users will not be charged do to a one time passing through the electronic system. It is too expensive to find them.

Businesses will pay for each axle on a truck, approximately four times the rate of the average vehicle unless the truck is larger, oversize, double, or triple trailer truck with more than 4 axles.

Who else may not pay?

What happens to those who repeatedly drive though without paying?

Tolling Will Damage Regional Economy and is Not Economically Prudent!