

# Boston Region MPO Congestion Management Process Committee

March 23, 2023



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- 1. Introductions, 5 minutes
- 2. Approval of Minutes from December 2, 2021, CMP Committee Meeting, 5 minutes
- 3. Learning from Roadway-Pricing Experiences Workshop, 40 minutes
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## Introductions



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# Approval of Minutes from December 2, 2021, CMP Committee Meeting





## Learning from Roadway-Pricing Experiences Workshop

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Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization

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## Background

- Identify the political and institutional challenges
- Identify the MPO goals for roadway pricing
- Identify ways to incorporate roadway pricing into the planning process



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## Study Tasks

- Task 1 Identify and Select Roadway-Pricing Projects
- Task 2 Interview Key Personnel of Candidate Roadway-Pricing Projects
- Task 3 Identify the MPO's Goals for Roadway Pricing
- Task 4 Explore Roadway Pricing in the MPO Planning Process
- Task 5 Document Study and Present Results



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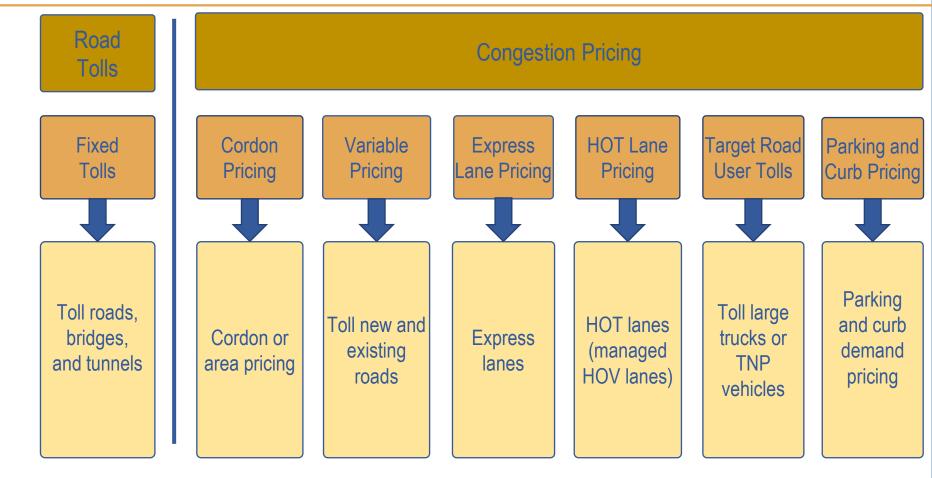
## Task 1: Identify and Select Roadway-Pricing Programs

- MPO staff identified 13 programs
- Select five for further evaluation and interviews
- MPO staff are requesting input from:
  - CMP Committee members
  - MPO Board members



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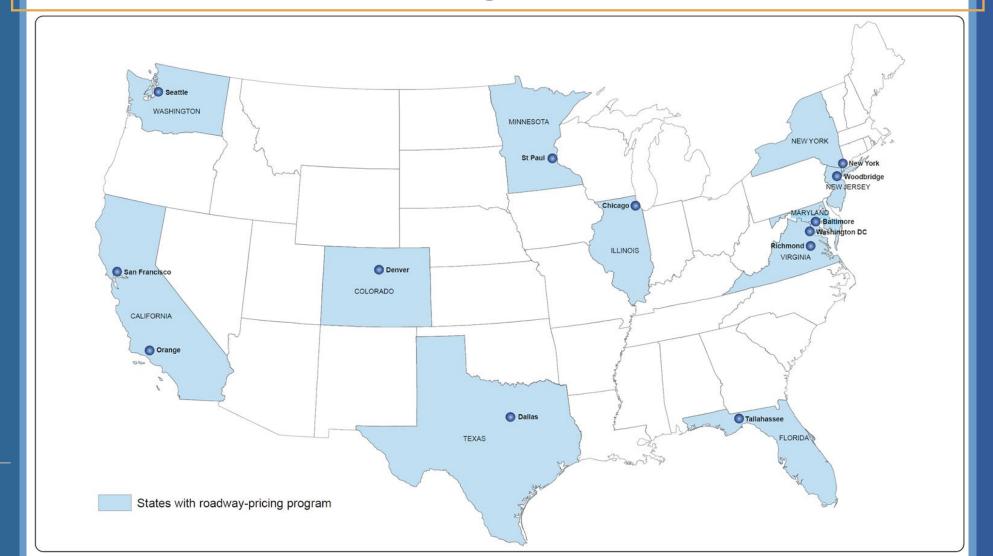
## Roadway-Pricing Methods



HOT = High-Occupancy Toll. HOV = High-Occupancy Vehicle. TNP = Transportation Network Providers.

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## Locations of 13 Roadway-Pricing Programs



Technical difficulties?
Call Erin Maguire at 857.702.3681 or email emaguire@ctps.org.

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## Roadway-Pricing Programs

Roadway-Pricing Program	Pricing Method
Central Business District Tolling Program, New York City	Cordon
Chicago's Transportation Network Provider Congestion Pricing	Cordon and targeted
Colorado DOT's Express-Lanes Program	Express lanes
Metropolitan Transportation Commission's Express-Lanes Program, San Francisco	Express lanes
Texas DOT's Express-Lanes Program	Express lanes
Virginia DOT's Express-Lanes Program	Express lanes
Orange County Transportation Authority's Express-Lanes Program	Express lanes
Washington State DOT's Express-Lanes Program	Express lanes
Florida DOT's Express-Lanes Program	Express lanes
Maryland Transportation Authority's Express-Lanes Program	Express lanes
New Jersey Turnpike	Variable pricing
Minnesota DOT's HOT Lanes Program	HOT lanes
Penn Quarter/Chinatown Parking Pricing Program, Washington, DC	Parking pricing

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## Purpose/Goals

- Reduce congestion or increase person flow
- ⇔ Improve air quality or quality of life
- Improve safety
- Improve reliability/predictability of travel
- Generate revenue
- Support economic growth



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### Uses of Revenue Generated

- Funding transportation improvements/providing travel choices
- Maintaining and preserving infrastructure
- Promoting transportation equity
- Promoting sustainable modes of transportation
- Supporting public transit
- Making shared rides affordable in transportation equity neighborhoods



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## **Tolling Policies**

- Variable priced (tolls vary by set times and days)
- Discount to address fairness, equity issues, and air pollution
- Eligible vehicles to receive discounts or travel free:
  - o transit buses, emergency vehicles, and school buses
  - motorcycles, carpools, vanpools, and HOV 3+ occupancy
  - vehicles with disabled and disabled veteran plates
  - hybrid and electric vehicles



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## Challenges

- Building interagency collaboration
- Building consensus among stakeholders
- Addressing Transportation Equity and Environmental Justice
- Addressing concerns about emissions
- Communicating revenue use and distribution
- Communicating benefits to the public



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### Lessons to be Learned

- Envisioning roadway pricing from MPO plans
- Using regional modeling tools to evaluate options
- **m** Building a network of informed decision-makers
- **Q** Communicating program goals and benefits
- Engaging the public and building acceptance of program
- Using innovative financing schemes



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## Planning Considerations

How roadway pricing supports MPO goals

Treating pricing as an integral part of regional transportation plan

Incorporating innovative financing schemes in long-range plans

Using regional modeling tools to evaluate managed lanes

Estimating potential congestion, pollution, VMT, and crash reduction



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## **Next Steps**

- Have a general discussion today
- Select five projects for interviews and evaluation
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## Questions

- 1. What would you like to achieve from the implementation of congestion pricing or other forms of roadway pricing in the Boston region?
- 2. What do you expect would be the biggest challenges to implementing congestion pricing or other forms of roadway pricing in the Boston region?
- What would be your priorities for using the revenue obtained from roadway-pricing methods?



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## Questions

- 4. Do you know of any additional examples of congestionpricing projects not listed?
- Do you think that congestion pricing or other forms of roadway pricing can be implemented without adversely affecting EJ and low-income populations?
- 6. Which of these projects or which aspects of these projects do you believe would be most relevant when considering congestion pricing or other types of roadway pricing in the Boston region?

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## Questions

7. Can you refer us to anyone who could provide more information about any of these projects?



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