



Value Pricing Pilot Program

The Value Pricing Pilot Program provides transportation agencies with options to manage congestion on highways through tolling and other pricing mechanisms. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Office of Operations manages the program with support from the Office of Innovative Program Delivery.



What Is Value Pricing?

Value pricing—sometimes called congestion pricing—works by charging drivers on congested roadways during peak periods. Pricing shifts some rush hour highway travel to other transportation modes or to off-peak periods. By removing even just a small fraction of the vehicles from a congested roadway, pricing helps the system to flow more efficiently.



Who's Eligible for the Program?

State, regional, and local government agencies may apply for tolling authority if they are allocated one of 15 slots available in the program. Each slot may include multiple projects.

How Do I Apply?

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Contact the FHWA Congestion Pricing Team to discuss your project.

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Submit your expression of interest.

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The FHWA Tolling and Pricing Team (led by the Center for Innovative Finance Support), will review and provide recommendations.

Expression of Interest Should Include:

- A description of the congestion problem being addressed (current and projected)
- The proposed pricing program, including facilities, expected pricing schedules, technology, enforcement programs, and other details
- The project schedule and preliminary estimates of the social and economic effects of the pricing program, including potential equity impacts, and a plan for refining these estimates
- The role of alternative transportation modes in the project and any anticipated enhancements
- Plans for involving the public and key affected parties, building coalitions, and maintaining media relations as well as monitoring and evaluating the program, including data collection and analysis
- A detailed traffic and revenue plan, including a budget for capital and operating costs, all funding sources, and planned expenditures
- Plans for meeting all Federal, State, and local legal and administrative requirements, including necessary Federal-aid planning and environmental requirements
- The extent to which legal and administrative authority have been obtained, and plans for obtaining authority as necessary

Learn More

Visit https://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/congestionpricing/value_pricing/index.htm for more information or contact the FHWA Congestion Pricing Team in the Office of Operations.



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