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Revised FY2026-27 Recommended Toll Rate Adjustments

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Overview of the Revised Toll Rate Adjustment

Under direction of the CTIO Board of Directors, Staff re-evaluated and revised the recommended FY2026-27 toll rate adjustment:

- Staff refined the initial 4.5% CPI-linked recommendation to a targeted 3.6% adjustment, which mirrors Operations and Maintenance cost increases. These Operations and Maintenance costs include Express Lane maintenance, personnel costs, and more.
- This 3.6% adjustment will be applied as follows:
 - Time-of-Day Rates: Applied to all toll rates.
 - Dynamic Pricing Corridors: Applied only to the minimum dynamic pricing criterion.

Speed Degradation and Dynamic Pricing

While the across-the-board increase was revised, Staff continues to recommend specific adjustments based on speed degradation, as well as the adjustment to begin dynamic pricing on I-70 Eastbound MEXL.

- To address specific speed degradation and maintain compliance with Federal speed mandates, Staff continues to recommend:
 - Aligning I-25 Segment 2 Southbound 5:00 AM - 7:15 AM rates with the peak 7:15 AM - 8:15 AM rates.
 - Increasing the maximum dynamic pricing criterion for I-70 Central by \$1.00.
- Staff continues to recommend moving I-70 Eastbound MEXL to dynamic pricing.

Proposed CTIO-Specific Toll Index

In response to Board feedback, Staff will develop a CTIO-Specific Toll Index to inform the annual toll rate adjustment process.

- The proposed CTIO-Specific Toll Index will replace generic CPI transportation metrics, establishing a methodology to identify key funding aspects of tolling and directly link adjustments to CTIO demands. By analyzing core operational and administrative costs, the Toll Index will establish a transparent, objective framework for developing the recommended annual rate adjustments.

Next Steps

The CTIO Board is encouraged to discuss and act on the HPTE resolution #498 - FY27 Annual Toll Rate Adjustment Approval. If approved, the toll rate adjustments will go into effect on July 1st, 2026.

CTIO Staff will return to present toll rate adjustments for C-470, I-70 MEXL, and I-25 Segments 6, 7, and 8 in the September Board of Directors meeting and will follow the same revised methodology.

Staff will return to present additional information regarding the Toll Index development, as well as formal approval to integrate the index into the CTIO Tolling Policy.

Questions?