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Subtopic C2: Tolls

Twenty-five public and agency comments were received on the C2: Tolls topic. From those 25 comments, 6 common concern statements were generated. Themes related to the C2: Tolls topic include:

- Tolling represents a potential funding mechanism that would offset the cost of Transit alternatives.
- Tolling would create more congestion, increase access and mobility problems for businesses and residents, and create an economic hardship for low-income residents.
- Tolling should exempt Corridor commuters and transit users, offer discounts to Colorado residents, increase tolls during peak travel times, and charge larger tolls for single occupant vehicles.
- Tolling estimates provided in the Draft PEIS were inconsistent with the Colorado Tolling Enterprise Preliminary Traffic and Revenue Study.

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C2-a	Purpose and Need CDOT may need to change the purpose and need to accommodate tolling.
C2-b	Issues with Documentation of Tolling Estimates The following issues involve the discussion of tolling provided in the Draft PEIS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The tolling estimates do not clearly document the tolling mechanism, timing, and source points. • The tolling estimates are not consistent with the CTE Preliminary Traffic and Revenue Study, and any project communications with the CTE should be documented in the Draft PEIS. • Tolls should be used if a Highway alternative is selected because funds would come directly from highway users.
C2-c	Congestion/Access and Mobility Toll booths would have the following impacts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create more congestion • Negate highway capacity improvements • Discourage highway use and encourage transit use • Increase existing access and mobility problems, thereby, affecting businesses and residents in some areas of the Corridor
C2-d	Offset of Implementation Costs Tolling could be used to offset implementation costs as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tolls could be used to pay for the AGS alternative and/or the Preferred Alternative. • Partial tolling could be used to offset transit costs. • I-70 through the mountains could be turned into a toll road on the weekends.

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C2-e	Implementation The implementation of tolling should: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• exempt Corridor commuters, including Floyd Hill and Clear Creek County residents, and those who use I-70 to access transit;• offer discounts to Colorado residents and property owners; and• include transportation management measures, such as:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• increased tolls during peak travel to encourage off-peak travel; and• greater tolls for single-occupant vehicles to encourage carpooling.
C2-f	Environmental Justice Tolls constitute an environmental justice issue because they would subsidize economic gain for affluent recreational businesses, while causing economic hardship to low-income Corridor residents.