



September 22, 2023

The Honorable Tom Carper
Chairman
Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Carper:

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Value Pricing Pilot Program Toll Agreements as of May 2022

STATE/AGENCY	PROJECT	TOLL AGREEMENT SIGNED
California/San Diego Association of Governments	I-15 Express Lanes (San Diego County)	March 1995
California/Riverside County Transportation Commission	I-15 Express Lanes (Riverside County)	July 2009
California/Riverside County Transportation Commission	State Route 91 (Riverside County)	August 2009
California/Alameda County Transportation Commission	I-680 SMART Carpool Lanes	October 2010
California/Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority	SR 237 Express Connector	March 2011
Florida/Florida Department of Transportation	I-95 Managed Lanes	April 2009
Florida/Florida Department of Transportation	State Route 826 Palmetto Expressway	September 2014
Maryland/Maryland State Highway Administration	I-95 Express Toll Lanes	July 2005
Minnesota/Minnesota Department of Transportation	I-394 MnPass Express Lane	April 2005
Minnesota/Minnesota Department of Transportation	I-35W Managed Lanes	July 2009
Texas/Texas Department of Transportation/Harris County Toll Road Authority	I-10 (Katy Freeway)	November 2002
Virginia/Virginia Department of Transportation	Elizabeth River Tunnels	September 2009
Washington/Washington State Department of Transportation	State Route 520 Bridge	January 2011