

## **Research Need for Mobility and Freight Modes Technical Advisory Group**

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### **1. Issue Identified:**

Identify value and implementation frameworks for congestion pricing to reduce congestion and energy consumption, as well as increase transit ridership and revenues

### **2. Summary of Problem:**

Congestion pricing was notably implemented in London in 2013 with significant reductions in congestion and increases in bus ridership. New York City implemented it in 2025 with similar positive preliminary results on congestion and revenues generated for transit capital improvements. Illinois and the Chicago region have not advanced implementation of congestion pricing beyond conceptual discussions. There is a lack of knowledge and clarity as to means to implement congestion pricing, geographic and/or temporal pricing structure, and understanding of costs and benefits in Illinois. These unknowns make it likely that congestion pricing implementation in Illinois is many years away, if at all.

### **3. Desired Results / Outcome:**

The research would review current applications of congestion pricing for applicability in Illinois and the Chicago region and develop alternatives that respond to local geographic, political, and social realities. Alternatives would be modeled for impacts to highway congestion, transit ridership, revenue generation, energy efficiency, regional economy, and prosperity across all communities.