

Comments taken on Freeway Tolls

The Oregon Transportation Commission will hold a special listening session on Thursday, July 12 to hear from the public on congestion pricing recommendations that could lead to the establishment of toll charges for using segments of the freeway system in and around Portland, including I-5 in north Portland.

The recommendations by the Portland Metro Area Value Pricing Policy Advisory Committee were submitted last week, carrying out a directive from the 2017 Oregon Legislature to develop plans for congestion pricing in the Portland area.

The public outreach will help the commission prepare a propos-

al for submission to the Federal Highway Administration by the end of the year, officials said.

The meeting will start at 4 p.m. and will be held in the Columbia Falls Ballroom at the University Place Hotel and Conference Center, 310 S.W. Lincoln St. It will begin with a presentation on the recommendation for tolls followed by public comment. Elected officials and any members of the policy advisory committee in attendance will speak first. The public will then speak on a first-come, first-served basis.

Written comments submitted by July 20 through the commission's website at ODOTValuepricing.org will also be considered.

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4th holiday, talking to constituents and typing notes on her cellphone as she knocked on doors seeking re-election in her district when a sheriff's deputy pulled up.

Bynum told reporters she immediately suspected the officer was there to talk to her and she introduced herself as a state legislator.

The deputy told her a neighbor called and reported that a woman

was appearing to be casing the neighborhood while taking notes on her phone.

"It was just bizarre," Bynum told reporters. The lawmaker said she understood the woman's concerns but felt she could have tried talking to her first or contacting a neighbor to speak to her rather than calling the cops.

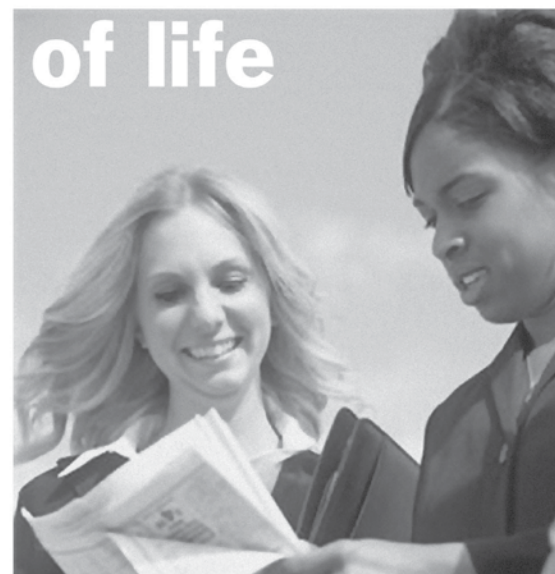
The deputy who responded was courteous and professional, Bynum said. He later agreed to take a selfie with her.

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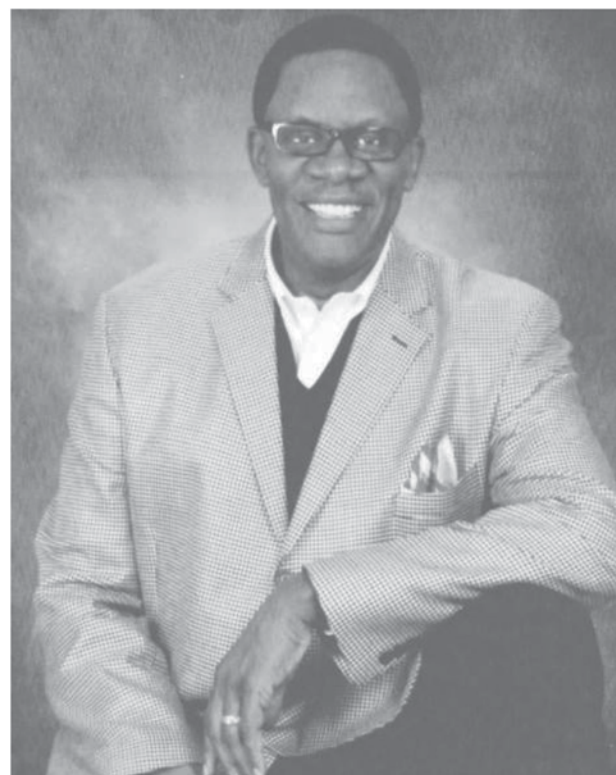


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