What is congestion pricing?

Congestion pricing is an efficient and equitable way to re-balance traffic conditions on the road. Successful only if complemented with enhanced transit, it creates incentives for people to travel during less congested times, encourages the use of carpooling and transit, and reduces the enormous waste resulting from traffic congestion.

Why are we talking about this?

- **$7.3 billion** lost to congestion every year in wasted time, fuel, and environmental damages
- **2-1/2 days** are lost every year per commuter sitting behind the wheel stuck in traffic
- The Chicago region is the **third worst** traffic area in the country
- Gas tax has lost **33%** of its purchasing power since it was last raised in 1993
- **22 states** across the country either have in operation or are studying congestion pricing to help alleviate the strains of traffic in their regions
- **We can’t build our way out of congestion**

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The primary goal of the study was to **evaluate the potential of congestion pricing to improve mobility, and thereby the competitiveness of the Chicago metropolitan region**.

Study Assumptions

- Fixed pricing - cost based on time of day regardless of traffic
- Model set up for optimal speed (55 mph), not maximize revenues
- Add-lane projects on the Stevenson Expressway and Jane Addams Tollway

Model concludes in 2020 (inbound AM):

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