

## Executive Summary

Road pricing is an umbrella term referring to user fees charged for roads and road facilities. There are a variety of schemes which can be enacted based on location, or can be distanced-based.

This paper looks at several types of road pricing schemes used in cities across the industrialized world, ranging from toll roads to cordon-areas to nation-wide kilometre-travelled fees. Examples are drawn from Toronto, Singapore, London, Oregon and the Netherlands, among others. The paper then considers road pricing as an economic tool that can be used to address some of the sustainability challenges of road use, since it can affect demand.

Road pricing is not without its critics and there are several common barriers to enactment of road pricing schemes. These are discussed, including issues of technology, implementation, fairness and effectiveness. This paper has found that road pricing best addresses issues of environmental, social and economic sustainability when it is enacted in conjunction with complementary transportation policies.

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