



# Northwest Transportation Conference

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## Connected Vehicle Ecosystem – Road Usage Charging

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**Our transportation  
funding system is old.  
*Really* old.**

**Oregon Introduces  
1<sup>st</sup> State Fuel Tax  
in U.S.**

**1932**

**Oregon Levies 1<sup>st</sup>  
Weight-Mile Tax**

**1993**

**Oregon Begins  
Nation's 1<sup>st</sup>  
RUC Program**

**2021**

**1919**

**U.S. Institutes 1<sup>st</sup>  
Federal Fuel Tax**

**1947**

**Congress Approves  
Last Federal Fuel  
Tax Increase**

**2015**

**13 States Introduce  
RUC Legislation**

# Oregon pioneers transportation funding



**1919**

First gasoline tax in the country



**1947**

First weight-mile tax for heavy vehicles (>26,000 lbs.)



**2015**

First operational road charge program

# New technology presents new challenges and opportunities



# Why we are developing RUC program?



Declining fuel taxes

Fuel taxes are becoming unsustainable due to fuel efficiency



Construction costs

Construction costs are increasing



Cars are similar

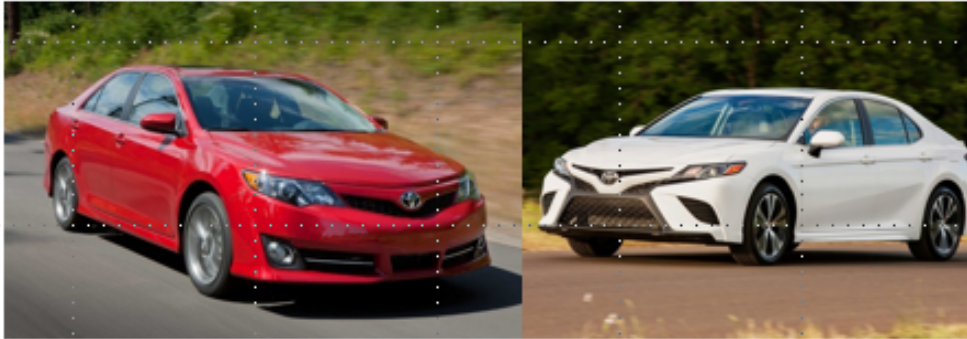
Passenger vehicles degrade pavement at the same rate



Fees are insufficient

Registration pays for access, road charge pays for use

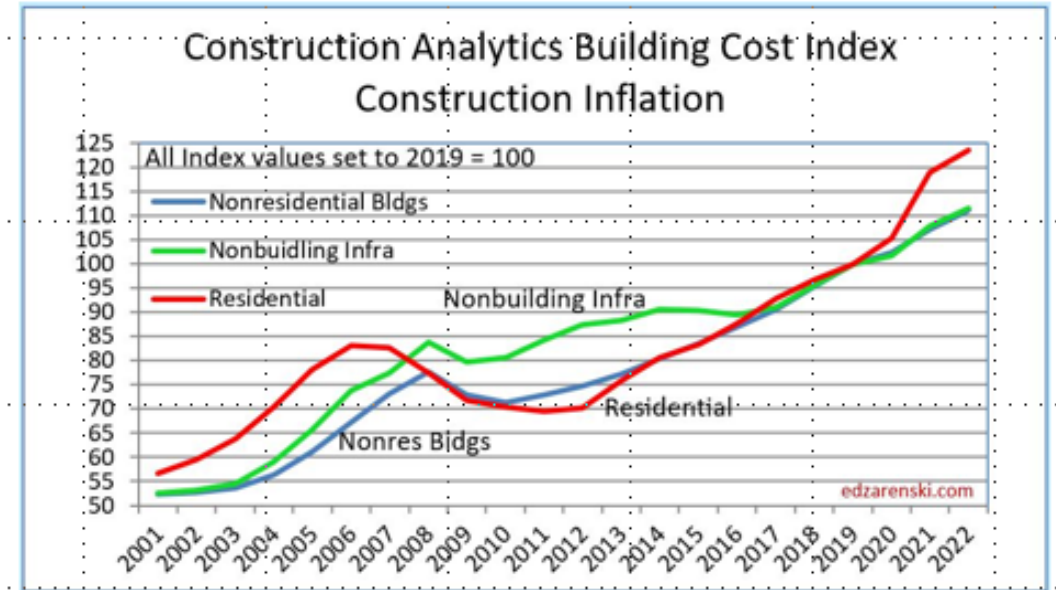
## Decreasing fuel tax revenues



2009 Toyota Camry  
25 MPG  
\$182 Annual Fuel Tax

2019 Toyota Camry  
52 MPG  
\$88 Annual Fuel Tax

## Increasing inflation



# Why change the funding mix?



# Differentiating RUC from other funding methods

- All users pay the base rate
  - *Similar to fuel taxes*
- Not variable by time of day
  - *Unlike congestion pricing*
- Applicable to entire system
  - *Unlike tolling*

# Desired end state: Stable transportation funding

- The right mix of funding for the State Highway Fund
  - Fuel taxes
  - Weight mile tax
  - DMV fees, like registration
  - *Road usage charges\**
  - *Tolling\**
- Ability to deliver
  - Continue work within the agency
    - Maintenance
    - Operations
  - Engage the public
  - Inform legislators

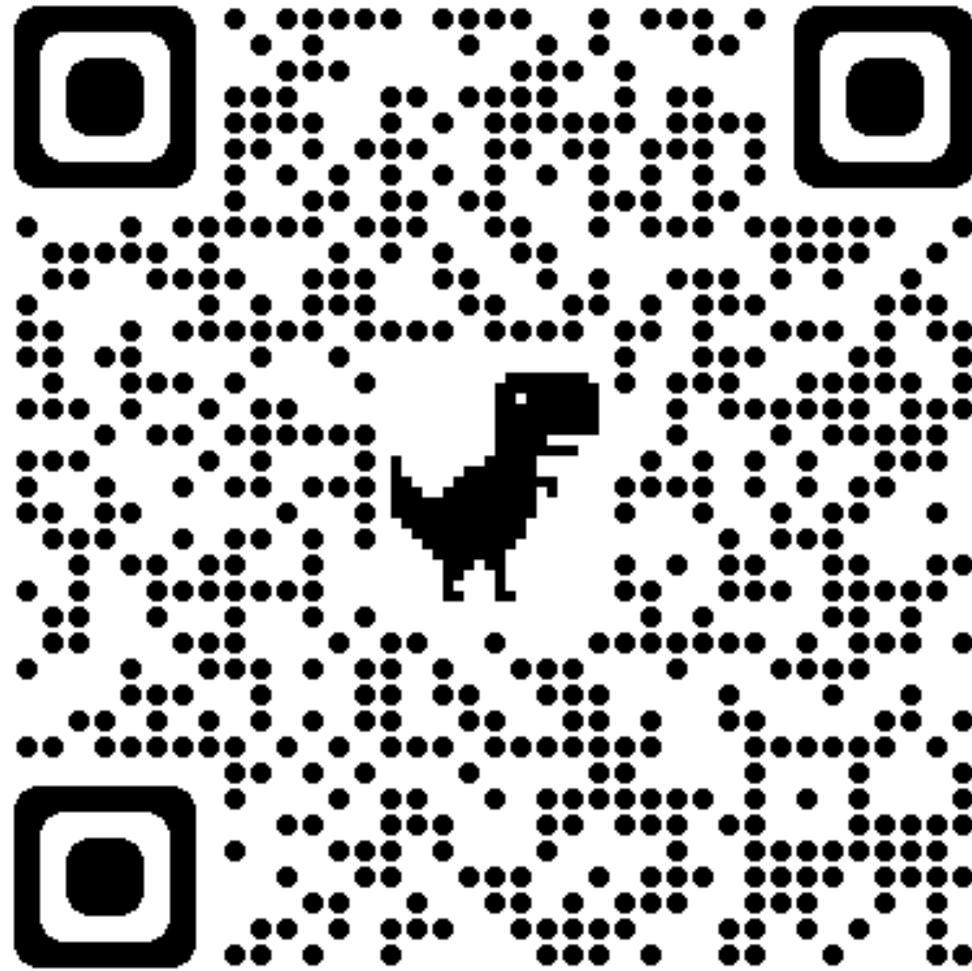


*\*New revenue sources for Oregon*



**Q: So why a  
CVE & RUC  
interface?**

**A: Because  
vehicles are  
changing.**



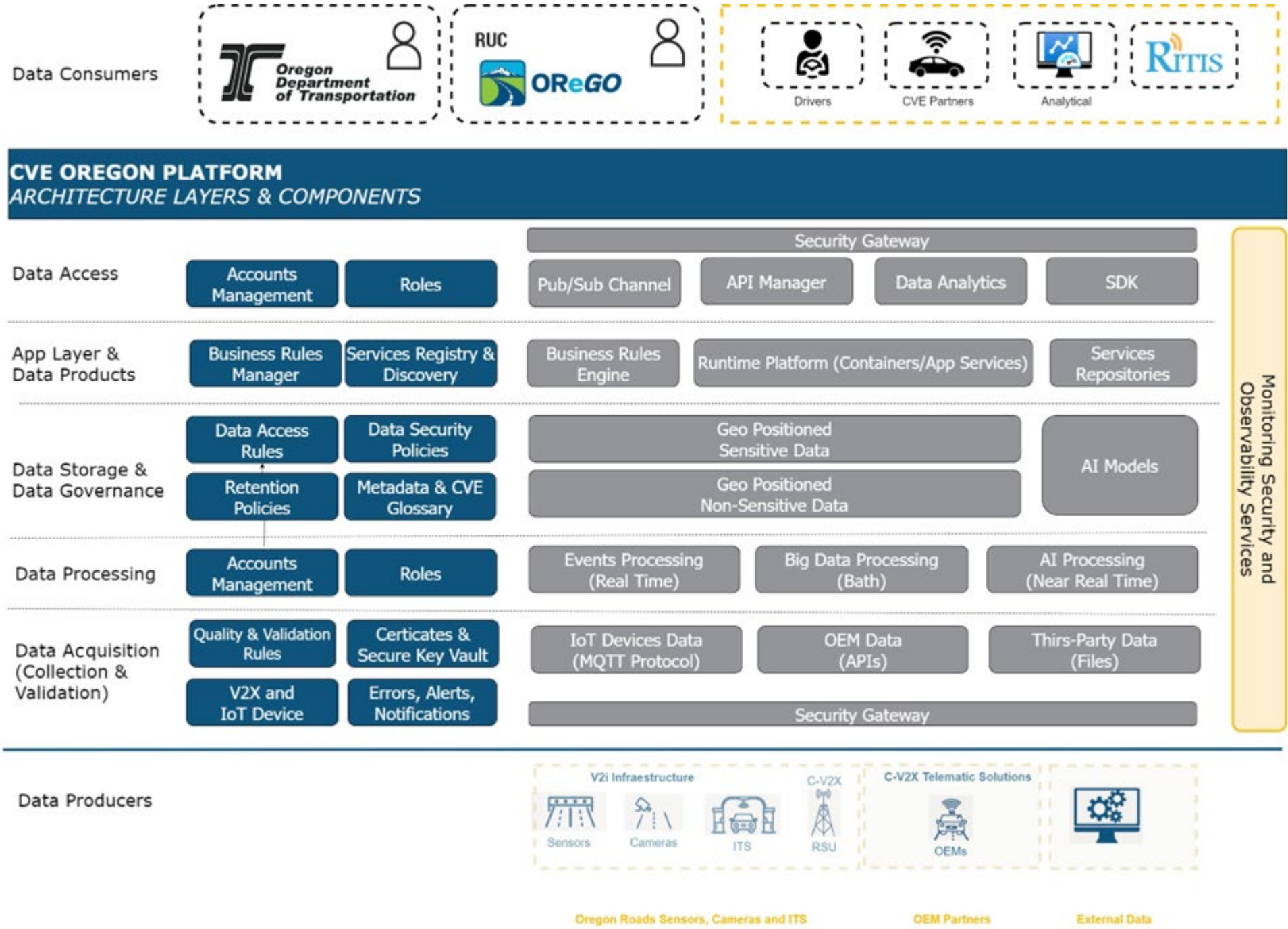
# OREGON CVE PLATFORM

The Oregon CVE Platform will support different types of interfaces and protocols to facilitate the integration of current and future OEM data.

Data can be collected, validated, standardized, and labeled by the platform.

**Sensitive information** will be stored, anonymized and aggregated to meet privacy regulations.

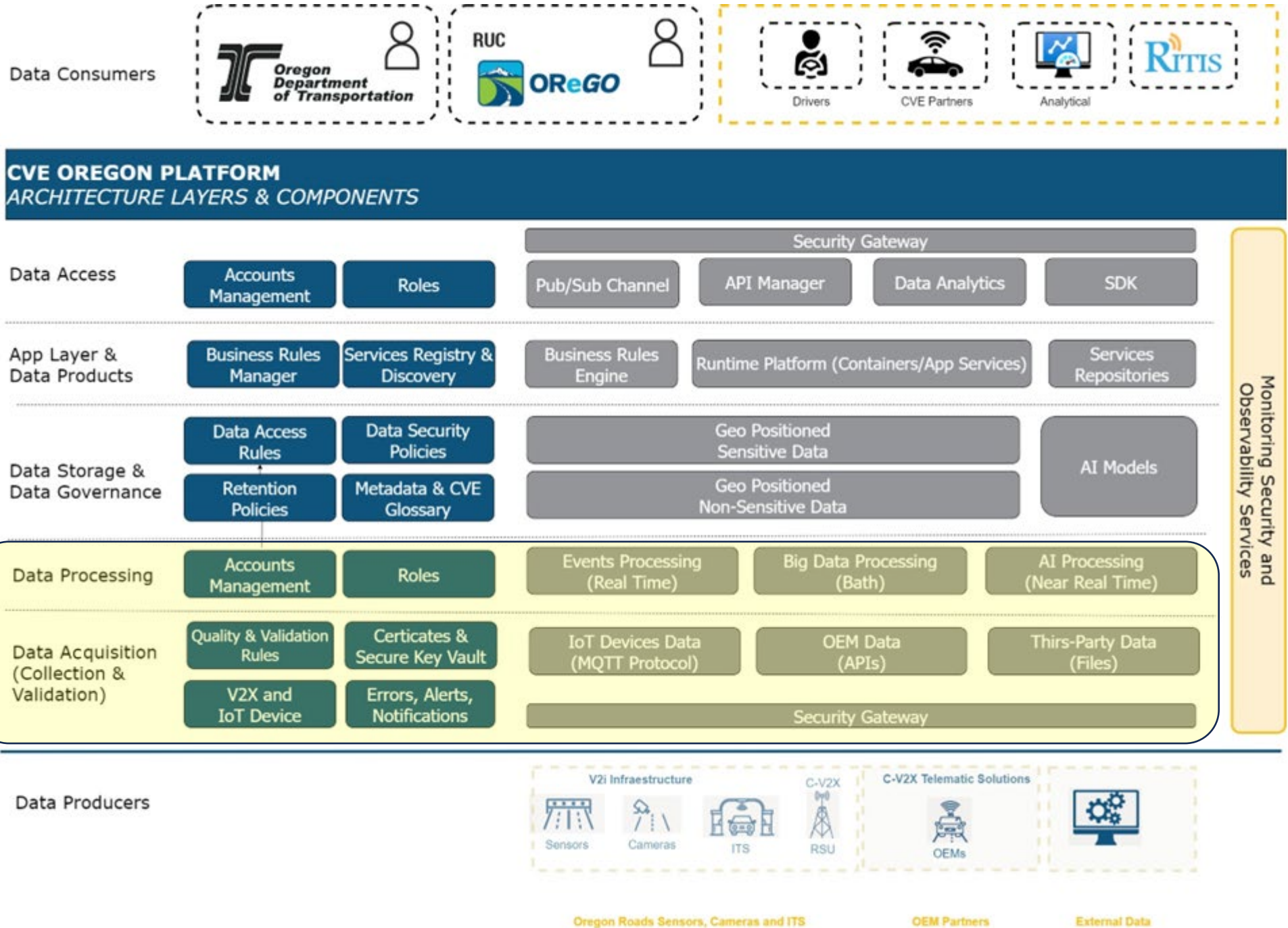
Data will be integrated and consumed by systems and applications hosted by the platform and outside the platform.



# DATA PROCESSING & ACQUISITION LAYERS

The platform allows integration of data sources and data formats using industry **protocol, IoT standards (MQTT)** and **APIs**. It will ingest telemetry, OEM information and data from ODOT systems and third-party applications.

Once data is collected, real time and batch, it will be standardized to create **ontologies** or specific CVE data domains **tagged with self descriptive information** and stored in appropriate repositories.



# Challenges remain

- Not all vehicles are connected
- Administrative costs are still high for running a RUC program
- Public expectations are not necessarily realistic and are not being met
  - Infrastructure maintenance
  - Connectivity
  - Privacy

