

Hello,

My parents paid tolls when I was a kid. Even then, I thought that it made sense that those who use the roads more, ought to help pay more for their upkeep. The key is in the details.

We all benefit from good highways, whether we use them or not - e.g., trucks bring us the food we eat, and deliver the goods we sell, etc. So tolls should not become another tax that we foist upon small business, then increase every year when we have a state budget shortfall.

But rather, a toll should be a modest and fair amount, to help defray the expense of maintaining this part of our collective infrastructure. As such, any future increase ought to be strictly tied to the cost of living index. No arbitrary increases because of red ink somewhere else, or to fund unrelated projects.

I am in support of tolls with such an iron clad provision.

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