

Please do not install tolls on Connecticut roadways. We already pay some of the highest gas tax, registration fees, and of course the annual property tax on motor vehicles in the country. At \$1 a trip, this would amount to a \$500 tax increase for me and fellow commuters. The price would immediately go up and the funds steered to the general fund. We already have a \$54M deficit this budget cycle.

There is so much obvious waste. Examples:

- I car pool to NY. Every morning and afternoon huge empty buses pull in and out of the park and ride along Rt. 7 in Brookfield.
- We build a bus lane in central Ct. that was a waste of money.
- Huge buses with a only couple people in them ply Rt. 7 north of Route 84 regularly.
- DOT work trucks go 20-25 MPH so crews lose time every morning and evening.
- Eliminate police standby at construction sites that are fully barricaded.

The list goes on and on...

In summary, there is plenty of opportunity in Connecticut's transportation practices to redirect funds to infrastructure. If not enough, move on to social services and other departments and cull the waste out. How about just doing it anyway?

FYI, I also do not support expanding rail service north to New Milford and beyond. If there is money, use it to improve the Danbury line and fix roads. We don't need it.

Thank you for listening.

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