

I am in favor of re-establishing highway tolls on I-95, but not the Merritt or Wilbur Cross Parkways. The former is an interstate highway through which transient commercial traffic flows daily. I-95 should provide toll income benefiting state residents. The thousands of out of state trucks and autos using I-95 should contribute to the revenue of the State in exchange for facilitating their journey. Tolls on the Merritt or Wilbur Cross would penalize mostly Connecticut residents who travel between towns, slow down traffic, and potentially augment air pollution. In ether case, only electronic tolls spanning high-speed lanes should ever be considered. This objective is more easily accomplished along I-95 where toll lane widening would more practically be achieved.

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