

Tolls are a bad idea to get additional transportation revenue: (1) some traffic will divert to RT-1 and increase local congestion; (2) some desirable tourist traffic may decide not to go to CT thus depriving lower Fairfield County business's of revenue; and, (3) even overhead readers slow some small % of drivers (I notice this in New Jersey) which in turn slow all traffic reducing peak traffic flow, something we don't want more of.

A better way to get additional transportation revenue is to increase the gas tax for everyone which fairly spreads the cost to those who use the roads in proportion to their use of the road, thus appearing to be a fair tax. Also consider increasing the licensing plate fees for the commercial 6+ axle trucks & semi-trailers trucks which have the greatest use of and wear on our highways. To the average auto driver tolls make our state appear less desirable than if we didn't have them --- in comparison to our neighboring states. No tolls is a positive marketing advantage - even if a small one - for attracting new businesses & residents to our state. An increase in gas tax & commercial plate fees will be forgotten in short order.

My wife & I have been a homeowner & resident of Cos Cob for 40 years, are now retired and believe that the above 2nd paragraph suggestions make more sense. As we rarely use I-95, we have no vested interest in whether or not there is a toll. We would also bear the cost of an increase in the gas tax. But we also believe that this would also be the right way to raise additional transportation funds.

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