

Dear Transportation Committee,

Tolls in Connecticut are long overdue. More importantly, congestion pricing is long overdue. As a commuter from Ansonia to Norwalk for the last ten (10) years, I have watched the traffic continue to grow. The answer isn't widening roads. Wider roads attract more traffic. I have been commuting in Connecticut since I graduated from the University of Connecticut in 1991. I have commuted to New York City and Hartford, CT.

Residents complain about another tax. Driving is a privilege. Privileges are expensive. If you want the privacy of your own car, you should pay for it. We all know that folks are not buying gasoline like they have in the past. Please look at the traffic reports in the morning. Why are all those cars sitting in Bridgeport with one (1) person in a car using their cell phone? Or sitting on I-84, I-91, etc.

Any revenues that are collected must be sent to a transportation lock box so our mass transit can be brought into the 21st century. Drivers need to stop whining and start paying.

Regards,

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