

Mr. Kissel,

I have to tell you, I am in favor of tolls on at least some major roadways in CT. How else will the state ever have the funds to repair the roads and bridges throughout CT ?

With more electric and hybrid cars being purchased, there will be far less revenue coming from the current gasoline tax. And tolls will also give CT a chance to collect something from all the out of state drivers for the wear and tear they add to our roadways. We are a small state that a lot of travelers drive through.

On Tuesday, I was at a Legislative Transportation breakfast with CTDOT chief Jim Redikker, and was very impressed with what he has accomplished to date, and upcoming projects which are planned. Clearly, major construction is planned to repair/replace I84 through Hartford. And the traffic backups on 95 in the Stamford area need to be addressed, so that companies and their employees are less burdened by the terrible traffic congestion we currently have in a few areas. The "mix-master" where I-84 goes through Waterbury is also a commuting nightmare. I know Enfield doesn't have these issues, but as I travel throughout the state to work, I clearly see that maintenance and improvements are badly needed. The money will have to come from somewhere. And I do know that the Federal Government will also participate in the funding of these projects.

Please consider the realistic and necessary need for installing electronic tolls to help restore CT's aging highway infrastructure.

Sincerely,

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