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Hello

Every time I travel to MA, NH or ME and RI there are tolls to pay. NY and NJ too. And I do quite a bit of traveling. It is just the added cost of traveling. I do not see why CT cannot have tolls too. I am not talking about a huge toll for people to pay. As one leaves NY on I 95 N, there is one last toll to pay in NY. I believe it is \$1.50 or \$1.75.

I believe a toll like that, as one leaves CT, on I 95 and /or I 84 would be useful to generate money for CT transportation repairs. During the summer there is a huge amount of people going through CT to get to the Cape and points east. If the toll is not \$4.00 , I highly doubt people will try to go around it on local roads as that would slow down their trip. And these days, most people appear to be hell bent on getting to their destination.

In RI, on the Pell bridge, the toll is \$4.00 each way. I know people who live in RI and if they pay taxes in RI they are not charged \$4.00 but only \$.95 each way. I would think something similar could be done for CT residents with the CT tolls.

MA has always had tolls on the turnpike. To get to Boston from Hartford, the quickest way is 84 to the MA turnpike. It is just a cost one has to include in their travel plans. And they have higher charges on their tolls dependent on how far you travel on the turnpike.

My point is that a toll as one leaves CT would be more prudent.

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PS - I do not see how Implementing tolls could jeopardize federal funding. Has it jeopardized federal funding in the other states that I mentioned above??