

# Why Is CT Considering Tolling?

Connecticut's highways and bridges are congested, aging, and in need of repair. Current revenues are insufficient to maintain our roads and bridges, or to **remove traffic bottlenecks** and reduce congestion.

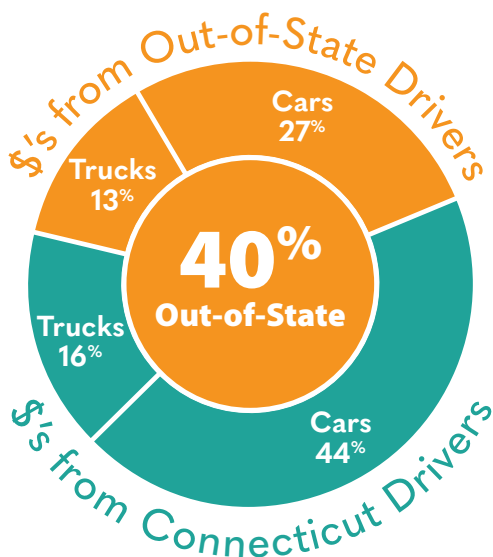
Connecticut needs a new source of revenue to ensure a safe, efficient, and modern transportation system. Tolling is one potential source.

## Tolls could raise up to \$1 billion per year

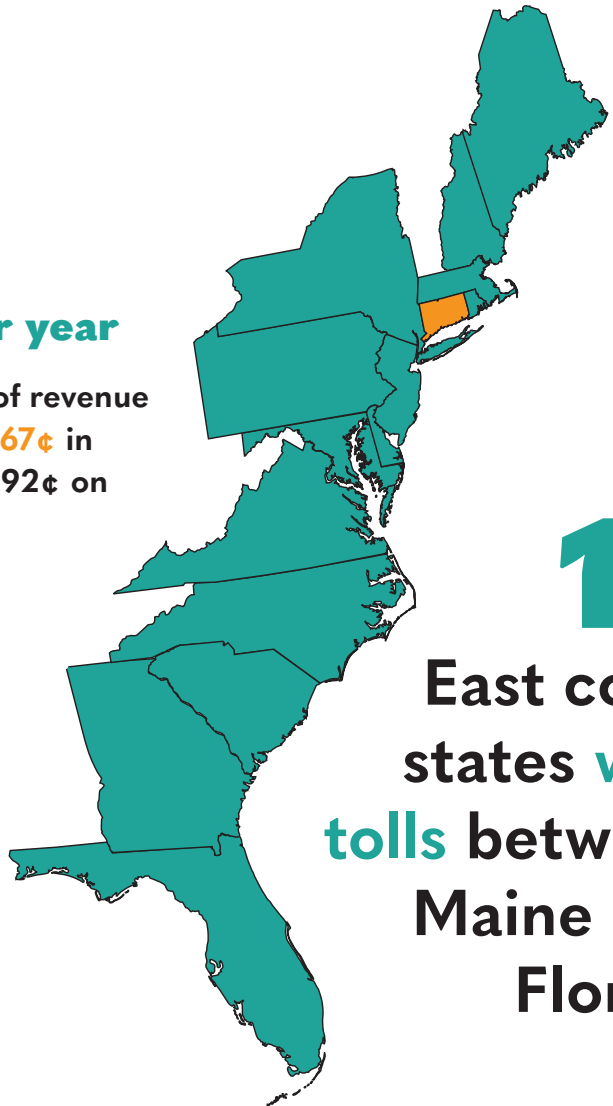
If the state were to raise the equivalent amount of revenue from the gas tax, it would require an increase of **67¢** in addition to the current 25¢ gas tax, or a total of 92¢ on every gallon of gas.

## 40% could come from out-of-state drivers

Almost 30% of the cars and trucks on our major highways are from other states and pay little or nothing to use our roads. If CT institutes tolling, out-of-state drivers could pay as much as 40% of the new toll revenues.



## What other states have toll systems?



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East coast states with tolls between Maine and Florida

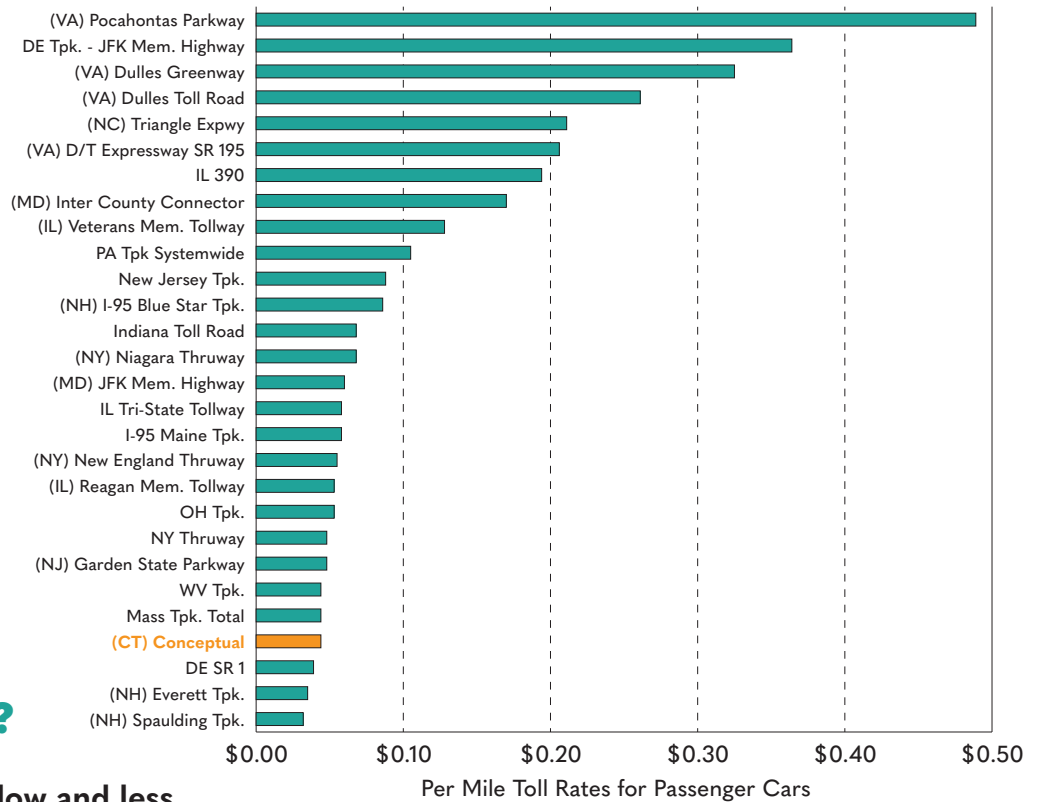
## Discounts for CT drivers

CT drivers could register for a CT-issued E-ZPass and qualify for up to a 50% discount



## Comparison of Possible Connecticut E-ZPass Toll Rates Relative to Toll Rates in Other States

**CT toll rates could be among the lowest**



### How much could I pay?

CT toll rates could be set very low and less than tolls in neighboring states. Rates for CT residents could be as low as 3.5¢ per mile.

CT Toll Rates Per Mile		
CT E-ZPass	Off-Peak	Peak Period
CT E-ZPass	4.4¢	5.5¢
CT E-ZPass Frequent User	3.5¢	4.4¢
Non CT E-ZPass	6.3¢	7.9¢

The average trip made by a CT driver on a toll network (limited access highways) is about 12 miles. With discounts, a 12 mile toll cost could be 42¢ in the off-peak (or 53¢ in the peak period).

### A comparison of proposed CT Tolls to neighboring states

50 Mile Trip	Weighted Trip Cost (E-ZPass)
New Jersey Tpk.	\$6.02
Pennsylvania Tpk.	\$7.06
Garden State Parkway	\$4.34
New York	\$2.12
Connecticut E-ZPass (frequent user)	\$1.75

\*Rate available for E-ZPass issued in each state.

### Projects at Risk

Without sustainable funding, CT cannot advance critical transportation projects that will reduce congestion and modernize its infrastructure. Examples of projects at risk are listed below.

- Hartford's I-84 Viaduct replacement
- Waterbury's I-84/Rt. 8 Mixmaster replacement
- Rt. 15 West Rock/ Heroes Tunnel replacement

### Congestion reduction programs:

- I-95 in southwestern CT
- I-95 in southeastern CT
- I-84 in Danbury
- I-84/I-91 in Hartford

