

ROAD TOLL *facts*



- **Cities and municipalities are unable to keep up with the demand for projects.** Revenue is not accumulating fast enough to accommodate necessities.
- If the bill passes, **there will be a highway fund revenue increase of \$31,883,783 in FY 2015.** The municipalities will receive 12% of this increase, which amounts to \$3.8 million.
- **The road toll has not been changed in twenty-two years.** As a result, the highway funds available continue to shrink, and New Hampshire roads continue to deteriorate.
- **The road toll has not kept up with inflation.**
- **Drivers respond well to gas price changes.** Over the last few years alone, the price of gasoline has fallen and risen in some extremes, even as much as fifty cents, across America.
- **New Hampshire citizens are already paying less across the board.** Fuel economy has improved. At one time, cars were advertised at 22 miles to the gallon. There are cars today that are advertised at 38 miles to the gallon! With drivers buying less gas, a modest increase in the road toll will not cause financial distress.
- **Roads are becoming more and more congested because there is not enough funding for building larger capacity highways, such as I-93.** As it is, New Hampshire struggles to maintain the already existing infrastructure.
- **New Hampshire is currently ranked among the ten worst states in the country for municipal bridges.** The state currently sits at 46th.
- **The road toll is one of the fairest systems to use in order to properly build the highway fund.** Those who use the roads more will pay more, and those who use the roads less will pay less. Everyone is accountable for the miles they travel, and the road toll should be considered a “user fee.”
- **The increase is very modest.** Even with the proposed increase, NH will still have the lowest road toll in New England.
- **The Federal Highway Trust Fund state appropriation will end on September 30th** and, at current spending rates, will not have adequate funds to meet state obligations for the year.

