

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)
BY
THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT
OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT
REVIEW AND ANALYSIS OF ELECTRONIC TOLLS
AND CONGESTION PRICING

SCOPE OF SERVICES

The selected Consultant shall undertake a comprehensive review and analysis of the potential applications of both electronic tolls and congestion pricing on Connecticut's highways as a means of both managing transportation demand and raising revenue, including, but not limited to:

(1) Identification of opportunities for the potential application of both tolls and congestion pricing on Connecticut's highways.

- Include the strategic assumptions behind such options.
- Include the pros and cons of limiting tolling or congestion pricing applications to new capacity such as bridges or new lanes versus installing the application on an existing facility.

(2) Analysis of the steps required to take advantage of the identified potential applications.

- Identify the steps needed to implement each of the potential applications identified including but not limited to the steps necessary to:
 - Comply with federal requirements or approvals;
 - Secure funding for the implementation, operation and maintenance of the opportunity;
 - Satisfy environmental requirements;
 - Address any state or federal legislative changes needed;
 - Obtain equipment/complete construction;
 - Establish contracts, leases, partnerships, etc.; and
 - Implement the opportunity with users of the system.

(3) Type, location and operation of tolls or congestion pricing.

- Identify the potential locations in Connecticut for the placement of the various identified types of tolling or congestion pricing applications including the possibility of converting existing High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes to High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lanes.
- Identify the potential methods of operation for each type and/or location.

(4) Pricing strategies.

- Identify pricing strategies that might be utilized in connection with each potential application.

Potential operating costs and revenues.

- Provide an analysis of the potential operating costs and revenues expected for each identified potential application and provide a cost benefit/analysis for each. This should include the infrastructure and operating costs of the various technologies (e.g., EZPass, license plate readers, collection of fees for travelers without transponders, etc.)

Impact on traffic congestion and patterns of travel.

- Provide an analysis of the expected impact on traffic congestion and patterns of travel for intrastate and regional interstate travel for each of the identified potential applications.

Regional equity.

- Provide an analysis of equity as it applies to various regions of Connecticut for each potential application. This analysis should include the equity impact on the different parts of the State as well as the equity issues across income groups for each potential application.
- Identify the potential impact, if any, (economic, travel patterns, etc.) on travelers from neighboring states (New York, Massachusetts and Rhode Island) that may be affected by the placement or type of tolling or congestion pricing in Connecticut.

Environmental impact.

- Provide a preliminary assessment of the potential environmental impacts of each of the identified tolling or congestion pricing applications.

Economic impacts.

- Provide an analysis of the economic impact of each tolling or congestion pricing application, both positive and negative, to businesses and residents of the State and surrounding region.

Safety.

- Determine the potential impact of each application on the safety of Connecticut's roadways, including whether the implementation of the application would cause a negative, positive or no change impact.

Public/private partnerships.

- Identify the types of public private partnerships that may be appropriate for such projects including those currently in use by other states or nations.

- Include an analysis of the various roles the private sector might play in each potential application.
- Provide a comparison of the various types identified.

(12) Impact of federal requirements on identified options.

- Identify and provide an analysis of the federal statutes and regulations on each identified tolling or congestion pricing application, including any federal approvals necessary to implement the application.

(13) Implementation strategies, costs and timelines.

- Identify activities, costs and timelines required to implement each potential application.

(14) Privacy.

- Identify and analyze the various methods of addressing any privacy concerns that may occur if open road electronic tolling were to be implemented in Connecticut.

The selected contractor shall be required to make at least seven (7) presentations to the Transportation Strategy Board and other groups as determined by the State.

The selected contractor shall submit a draft report addressing the fourteen (14) aforementioned tasks and, after reviewing comments from the Office of Policy and Management, the Transportation Strategy Board and other State agencies as appropriate, shall issue a final report setting forth its findings.