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COMPTROLLER LEMBO VOTES 'NO' TO \$10-MILLION STUDY OF ELECTRONIC TOLLING

Comptroller Kevin Lembo, reaffirming his statement last week in opposition to a proposal to borrow \$10 million to pay for a study of electronic tolling, voted against the measure as a member of the State Bond Commission today.

"The State Bond Commission should not act as a replacement for legislative action. While the subject of electronic tolling -- and infrastructure funding as a whole -- is important to debate and discuss, I do not support financing this study through bonding without legislative directive. These decisions should be left to the next governor and legislature, and so I must vote against it."

Lembo added that the state has already conducted a study of electronic tolling, "CT Electronic Tolling & Congestion Pricing Study," that was prepared in 2009 for the Connecticut Transportation Strategy Board and state Office of Policy and Management. Lembo said that, whether the state conducts a new study or simply updates this existing study, is a decision for the next legislature and administration.

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