

Comments on Toll Report for 495/270

I am Tony Hausner, Silver Spring, MD 20901. I live in the Indian Spring Neighborhood which is right next to the Beltway. Our civic association has voted against beltway widening, but I am speaking for myself today.

I testified at last August's hearing on the draft DEIS that there many flaws in the traffic analysis of this draft including failing to adequately examine the ICC option, not examining transit solutions, etc. Further, widening of these highways will be very destructive in many ways both environmentally, to historic properties, etc.

As others have pointed out, this toll rate proposal favors the wealthy who can afford the high toll rates at the expense of those with middle and lower income levels. Further the ramps to the toll lanes will be very destructive in many ways.

There are a number of possible transit solutions that will be much better for the environment and equal treatment of all income levels of commuters.