

**Issues in CT Competitiveness:**  
**Linking Job Creation, with Housing,**  
**and Transportation**

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# Competitiveness Challenges

- **The 60 mile – Nine Day Traffic Jam – Where?**
- **CNBC Competitiveness Ranking – CT #35**
  - CT weak: Bus cost (47), Trans (40), Living cost (45)
- **Texas Transportation Inst – U.S. Congestion**
  - Cost \$87B yr. = Energy + Lost Productivity
- **CT Job Numbers vs. Traffic Congestion**
  - 1.62m 10Q2 = 97Q4; Gr Htfd (.5m) Bpt-Stfd (.4m)
  - CT Sprawl – Separation of work, home, services
  - Result – More frequent + longer distance car trips

# Words of Wisdom

- **Izzy Resnikoff** – Chief Engineer CT HW Dept
  - Personal auto – Preferred form for J-t-W trip
    - Convenient, point to point, flexible, privacy
  - Commuter Flow – Follows path of least resistance
  - Can't out build congestion
    - Field of Dreams Principle – If you build it they will come
- **CT J-t-W Characteristics** – Anti-competitive
  - Long, expensive, unreliable, aggravating, dangerous
  - Opposite of what's needed to attract + hold job creating firms.

# J-t-W Efficiency Solutions

- **Flexible Tolling + Entry Ramp Metering**
  - Queuing v. Pricing – Ration a limited resource
  - Time-of-day Pricing – Toll changes w/traffic volume
  - Revenue: Support park/ride, connecting transit
- **Smart Traffic Management**
  - Signage, variable speeds, accident remediation
- **Intra-state Commuter Rail – Cost effective**
  - 300 new Metro North cars
  - Station parking, transit links, terminal distribution
  - HW tolls – Redirect commuter traffic from HW to rail

# Freight Flow Management

- **RR Freight Traffic** – ME 5%, CT 2%, rest <1%
- **Port of Elizabeth NJ** – Freight entry point
- **CT Freight Gateway** to New England - Trucks
  - Big box stores – Supplied thru CT on I-95, I-84
- **Poughkeepsie Bridge + NYC Rail Bottleneck**
  - Bridge burned 30 years ago w/o replacement
  - NYC link – Limits double-decking of 40 ft boxes
- **Amtrak/Congress** – Bring New England Freight Rail up to Global Standard