



ASECAP, IBTTA release a "Joint Tolling Declaration"

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IBTTA has released a "Joint Declaration on Tolling" with the European tollers' association ACECAP at their meeting in Dubrovnik Croatia. It touts six advantages of tolls over taxes for roads:

1. "Scarcity" of tax revenues
2. More sustainable as fuel revenues are declining: "Tolling embraces the user pays principle much more effectively than a tax on fuel:"
3. To the extent roads are tolled tax revenues can go to support other important government needs - education, social security, defense etc
4. Tolls are fairest and the best way to fund roads and can't be gamed by cross-border shifting of taxes
5. Manage traffic in dense urban areas with variable rates
6. By enabling good roads to be built faster and better they enhance economic growth



Signatories are or the Europeans ASECAP president Klaus Schierhackl, and for the Americans IBTTA president Robert Horr.

A Preamble says: "ASECAP and IBTTA think that a wider application of tolling policies, based on the user pays principle, will be highly beneficial for governments - especially those that face severe economic pressure and may not have enough funds either to support new infrastructure or improve existing ones - and the users, who can immediately see the benefits they receive for the fees they pay on the road infrastructure they use."

joint declaration in full

http://www.ibtta.org/files/2013/PDFs/ASECAP_IBTTA%20Joint%20Declaration.pdf

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