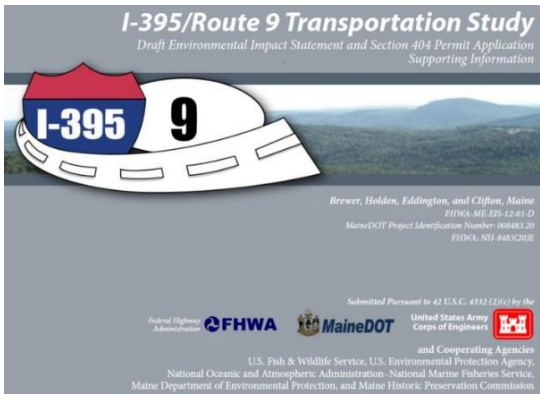


How does one reconcile that the **traffic volume is too low for tolling**, yet apparently the traffic volume is sufficient to spend \$79.25 million in 2017 dollars on this boondoggle??



“Tolling would not be used to supplement the funding for construction of one of the build alternatives due to the low traffic volumes (HNTB, 2010).” [DEIS Chapter 2 Page 55](#)



Due to the small amount of revenue generated from a toll facility in comparison to the estimated cost of construction [of said toll facility], the MaineDOT and the FHWA are **not considering tolling as a method of partially financing the operation and maintenance costs** of a build alternative, if one is selected and advanced to construction. [DEIS Chapter 2 Page 55](#)



“Tolling would not be used to supplement the funding for construction of one of the build alternatives [and not] a method of partially financing the operation and maintenance costs of a build alternative...due to the low traffic volumes.”