

WAAROM REKENINGRIJDEN?

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Abstract

Why road pricing?

This article analyses two essential benefits of road pricing: first the optimization of mobility and second benefit the provision of funds for a general reduction of tax on labour. Both these benefits have been very well analysed by transport economists all over the world. The article presents two graphical presentations that summarise the general consensus in this field.

Attention is also given to the particular position of Belgium as a transit country. Levies paid by through traffic provide net revenue, available for Belgian tax relief.

Road pricing is compared to a uniform levy on fuel or to a uniform annual license tax. The added benefit of road pricing is shown to depend both on the level of external costs and on the elasticity of demand and cost functions.

A final paragraph calls for introduction in alliance with other European states.

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