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Spitzer: Don't link fare hike, congestion pricing

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Gov. Eliot Spitzer Monday declined to take sides on whether the Metropolitan Transportation Authority should go ahead with its planned December vote to raise fares, but he warned against connecting the proposed increases to a city congestion pricing plan.

Revenue from congestion pricing will likely not be great enough or arrive soon enough to solve all of the MTA's fiscal woes, the governor said.

"Simply saying, 'We've got congestion pricing, therefore no fare increase' bad logic, bad facts," Spitzer said. "Don't fall into that trap."

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