

KEEP NYC CONGESTION TAX FREE

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Statement by Walter McCaffrey, former City Councilmember and lead spokesperson for the Keep NYC Congestion Tax Free group

Re: Congestion Pricing Commission meeting January 10, 2008

The public continues to be strongly oppose any and all forms of congestion pricing, and also now clearly overwhelmingly oppose East River tolls. Despite reports of the contrary, the people of New York City have never been given any guarantees that the money will be used for mass transit improvements. It is time for the Traffic Mitigation Commission to accept the public's concerns and move on to cost-efficient, fair and practical alternatives that will help solve the real problems of traffic congestion without putting a toll on bridges or people's wallets. We urge the Commission to put forward only those traffic plans that do not create onerous and costly burdens on our city and its residents.

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ABOUT [KEEP NYC CONGESTION TAX FREE](http://keepnycfree.com)

[Keep NYC Congestion Tax Free](http://keepnycfree.com) represents a diverse coalition of civic, business and labor organizations and businesses throughout New York City. We share a simple vision: to keep our city congestion tax free. Our members oppose the \$8 fee (\$21 for trucks) the Mayor proposes to impose on drivers entering Manhattan below 86th Street. Our members urge New Yorkers to deliver a simple message to our legislators: "Say no to the fee the Mayor wants to charge us to enter Manhattan." Many supporters and coalition members propose alternatives to the congestion tax that better address traffic issues in our entire city and provide new sources to support mass transit. For more information, visit keepnycfree.com