

# **KEEP NYC CONGESTION TAX FREE**

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## **LACK OF PUBLIC IN PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **Statement by Walter McCaffrey, Keep NYC Congestion Tax Free**

Once again, the Kangaroo court (aka Traffic Mitigation Commission) is holding public hearings today without the public, and in most cases without Commissioners. Today, the law of physics is actually being challenged by holding multiple hearings at the same time in locations miles apart. When something is this flawed from the beginning and gets to the point where the final public hearings will take place all on one night, tonight, six different locations – it is time to stop the process. The Fool's Gold masquerading as revenue has never been guaranteed or earmarked to improve mass transit. The City is right about one thing: “the gig is up.” And the Commissioners have already made up their minds, much to the public's dismay and disadvantage.

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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](http://keepnycfree.com)