

In New York, we call it “value-pricing for on-street parking. Keep NYC Congestion Tax Free proposed it as an alternative to the congestion tax.

Interesting how [Alternatives](#) all of a sudden become acceptable?

Those who pushed the congestion tax need to explain their all the apples in one basket approach which – surprise – failed us.

This one initiative would raise some \$80 to 100 million annually.

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No Congestion Toll, But Congestion Parking Meters Coming to SF

SAN FRANCISCO (KCBS) -- There will be no congestion-based toll on the Golden Gate Bridge. After a month of discussion with federal officials, local transit planners turned it down.



Federal transportation authorities suggested that Golden Gate Bridge commuters pay as much as \$7 per crossing as part of a deal to receive a \$158 million grant for Bay Area transit projects. One of those projects would have been the reconstruction of aging Doyle Drive, but San Francisco Supervisor and Bridge District Board Member Tom Ammiano says there was too much opposition to the plan.

"I admire the creativity that went into it, but it didn't float a lot of people's boats particularly," said Ammiano.

However, the feds still have the money on the table because, while congestion pricing on the bridge isn't flying, congestion pricing for parking meters in the city is. It's another solution to ease congestion by keeping traffic moving, and urging people to park in parking lots and garages.

"We're going to look at what the occupancy is in particular areas, and we're going to target the pricing to reach that occupancy," said Municipal Transportation Agency spokesman Judson True.

The congestion meters will start next month.