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## **Fear Campaign Borders on Irresponsible Toll-Taxers know better alternatives exist and can avert a fare hike and cuts What is their secret agenda?**

The news stories detailing “horrific” cuts to bus, subway and rail service on top of an outrageous fare hike open the next phase in the toll-taxer fear campaign to scare the public to squeeze their electeds to pass a toll-tax reliant transit finance plan. Unlike the ideologue toll-taxers with their agenda to lockout residents of the boroughs outside Manhattan, the public knows better and will resist acting as willing supplicants to advance an unsound, inefficient, unfair and inequitable plan. The public recognizes better [alternatives\\*](#) exists and looks to Albany for leadership to advance a plans that avoids any reliance on a fare hike.

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### **\*New Revenues for Mass Transit from Keep NYC Free that Save the Fare**

<b>Annual Revenue Options to fund Mass Transit</b>	<b>Potential Annual Revenue (\$ millions)</b>
Non-resident income tax at double pre-1998 rates	\$1,800
Increase state motor fuel tax by 4 cents/gallon	\$500
MTA bridge and tunnels as HOT lanes – \$1 increase	\$147
Increase on-street parking fees, fines for parking illegally in the Manhattan central business district	\$125
Increase Street Closing Fees	\$500
Increased Registration Fees	\$250
Project-based financing of major new MTA capital projects	\$200
Regional Payroll Tax (various options)	\$400 to \$2,250
Regional Sales Tax	\$100
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,022 to \$5,872</b>

\*\*[http://keepnycfree.com/media/files/2008-10-15\\_Recommendations\\_MTA\\_Financing.pdf](http://keepnycfree.com/media/files/2008-10-15_Recommendations_MTA_Financing.pdf)