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DUH!

When will they ever learn? That their policies cause bad outcomes

“When will they ever learn?”¹ So goes a refrain from a timeless protest song. That certainly applies to the toll taxers and other who acknowledge the MTA's response to the mindless push for a toll-tax reliant MTA funding scheme will decrease ridership and increase those opting to drive (See *Crain's Insider* March 27, 2009) . And then we note the new MTA bond rating reflecting years of bad funding schemes (See *Daily News* and *The New York Times*, March 27, 2008). Why not respond by passing a real plan – both fair and equitable and imposing no fare hikes, no cuts, no tolls on free bridges – based on sound [alternatives](#)* Keep NYC continues to outline.

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

Annual Revenue Options to fund Mass Transit	Potential Annual Revenue (\$ millions)
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
TOTAL	\$4,022 to \$5,872

1 Pete Seeger, “Where Have All The Flowers Gone?”