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## Keep NYC Responds to New York Times Editorial: “So Much for Public Transit”

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To the editor:

The issues that resulted in the Ravitch scheme being picked apart demonstrate the weakness of elements of that package. While the New York Times notes the commendable goal of the Ravitch scheme, “spread the cost of transit to all beneficiaries” (Editorial: “So Much for Public Transit,” April 7, 2009), it falls woefully short in that regard. When both the City Comptroller and the non-partisan NYC Independent Budget Office both find that nearly two-thirds of those subject to proposed tolls on the currently free East River and Harlem River bridges live in the five boroughs and come predominantly from Brooklyn and Queens, it makes clear the weakness of that part of the scheme that asks drivers to bear a burden. Keep NYC Free developed a sound set of alternatives advocated by our coalition of civic, business and labor organizations.

Please visit [www.KeepNYCFree.com](http://www.KeepNYCFree.com) to read our proposals and urge our electeds officials to embrace these alternatives, which unlike the Ravitch scheme, avoids any reliance on a fare hike.

Sincerely,

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Read the entire editorial:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/04/07/opinion/07tue3.html>