

State Senate Dems took too much undeserved heat for standing against a toll-tax scheme. And just as Keep NYC proposed a sound set of revenues that address transit and transportation financing needs, Senate Dems step up with their own plan. Their plans uses elements of our plan and some sources not previously part of the discussion. Give Sen. Smith et al the credit they deserve.

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<http://www.nydailynews.com/blogs/dailypolitics/2009/04/senate-dems-go-it-alone-on-mta.html>



## Senate Dems Go It Alone On MTA

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After failing to reach an agreement with the Assembly and Gov. David Paterson, the Senate Democrats have decided to move forward with their own MTA bailout plan - the second the conference has proposed to date.

The \$1.76 billion plan does not include a revival of Paterson's roundly-criticized soda tax, nor does it call for any tolls on the Harlem and East river bridges. But it does feature a payroll tax akin to the one proposed by Richard Ravitch in his initial proposal to rescue the financially troubled authority.

[http://www.nytimes.com/2009/04/21/nyregion/21mta.html?\\_r=1&ref=nyregion](http://www.nytimes.com/2009/04/21/nyregion/21mta.html?_r=1&ref=nyregion)

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## Senate Shapes New Rescue Plan for M.T.A.

By WILLIAM NEUMAN

Into the maelstrom of competing proposals to rescue the financially troubled Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Democrats in the State Senate submitted another offering Monday — one that would cut out new tolls but add money for highway and bridge construction.