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Interesting Math

How SIers pay \$8 more under MoveNY's UNfair toll-tax Scheme

Simple math – addition and subtraction – should come easy to those who make decisions on public budgets and taxes. Yet legislation by a Staten Island senator putting his own spin on the congestion tax [scheme](#) marketed by [MoveNY](#) shows the folly of any [toll-tax scheme](#) that asks these city residents to bear a cost just above \$11 (\$11.08; \$16 cash) per day to cross any bridge still, and meant to be, free.

Today, Staten Islanders with an EZPass currently pay \$5.54 to cross the Verrazano and pay nothing when they take the Brooklyn, Manhattan or Williamsburg Bridges; their net to enter Manhattan: \$5.54.

Under the Senator's variant of the toll-tax scheme SIers, while paying \$3.04 on the Verrazano, would pay \$5 each way at any of the bridge or tunnel crossings to Manhattan; their net to enter Manhattan: \$13.04! \$8 more!

Perhaps some studying, or a refresher, of a post [here](#) last October might help.

See [Crains, June 20, 2016](#)