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A Refresher on Transit Funding from Keep NYC Free: Numbers don't add up; Better ways to address traffic congestion and resourcing transit

New York's Mayor made clear this week that a toll-tax remains outside his vision but as the toll-taxers now advance a NYC-only tact in their latest version of their toll-tax [scheme](#).

They raise the base MTA fare for bus and subways commuters and falsely argue motorists pay nothing and thus should pay a \$2.75 toll-tax charged by the city; they forget various taxes and fees only borne by motorists including gas taxes and sales taxes on vehicle purchases, repairs, parts replacements, and other maintenance, and vehicle and license registrations.

Keep NYC Free [again cautions](#) against this latest rant by the usual toll-tax crowd to prop up the MoveNY [toll-tax scheme](#). Any toll-tax scheme fails to raise the revenues needed, offers no benefits and hurts the [economy](#). The [MoveNY](#) toll-tax neither nets revenues nor relieves from traffic (Simple enforcement does as documented by CUNY Prof. Robert Paaswell.).

According to the [Daily News](#), "Mayor de Blasio won't help move a congestion-busting plan stuck in the gridlock of politics." The News quoted the Mayor: "There's not been any consideration of congestion pricing, so long as the current political alignment in Albany exists....That is a hard reality, so I'm not putting time and energy into something that's not going to happen."

Tolling New York City's free East River bridges connecting Brooklyn and Queens to Manhattan will not [move New York](#).

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