

Congestion pricing becomes option to fund MTA: Cuomo

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Gov. Andrew Cuomo said it was time to consider congestion pricing to fund the MTA.



Details of the plan are scarce, but Councilman I. Daneek Miller (D-St. Albans) spoke out against Cuomo’s proposal for commuters in his district — many of whom use personal vehicles to get to and from work — insisting his constituents would suffer financially under any premium charge for roadways or public transportation.

“The MTA must not charge those living in transportation deserts to subsidize those who already enjoy access to the subway system, especially those who live in luxury in Manhattan,” Miller said. “No matter the new details of this scheme, which no matter how you cut, it will be a regressive tax that hurts working families.”

“Plus, those residents who will pay the new tolls will not realize any benefits and these increased costs will hurt our local businesses,” Miller said. “Better ways exist and make sense to resource the MTA to not only pay for needed repairs but also increase access and make the entire system more accessible and equitable for the entire city, and I and my colleagues will continue to advocate for these reforms.”

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