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An Empty Bottle report Offers Same Old Wine *Orwellian* approach Can't Even "Relieve" Congestion

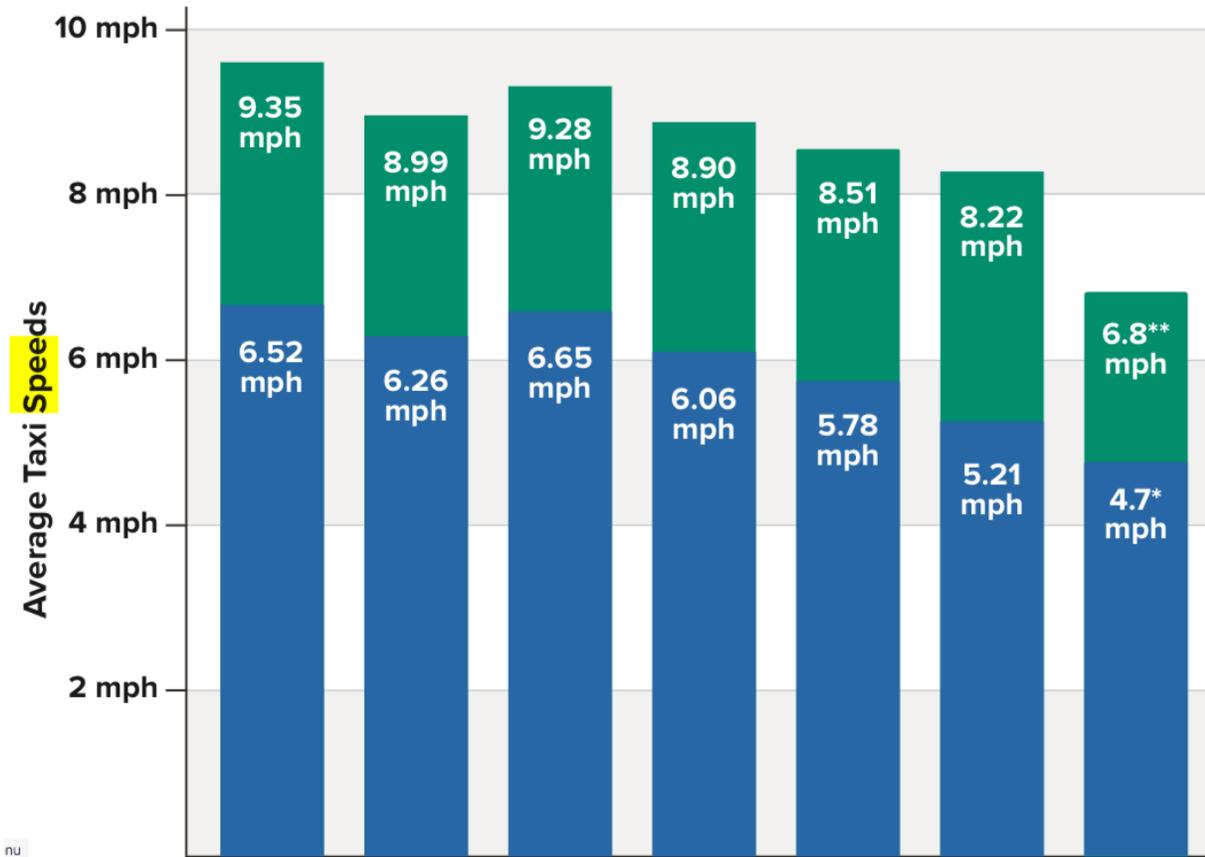
Keep NYC Free reveals another truth about the regressive Fix NYC "Zone Pricing" scheme: When it comes to addressing congestion, according to the new Fix NYC document, it does nothing compared to other cities where those jurisdictions report substantial reductions. The report harps on a 9% increase in taxi speeds (see next two pages) in a shameful intent to sell the same old wine in an empty new bottle. Let's *Look at the Record*: Average taxi speeds per the report range from 4.7 mph ("midtown core") to 6.8 mph (CBD aka Central Business District). Simple math indicates respective "increases" of 0.42 mph & 0.6 mph. State Senator Leroy Comrie raised the negligible outcome in comments at an Albany hearing yesterday (at 3:52 "...it doesn't relieve congestion...")

Rather than this toll-tax scheme that fails our economy and ignores the facts that drivers of private vehicles already pay registration fees and surcharges, gas taxes and sales taxes on repairs and purchases, Keep NYC recommends sustainable approaches it identified to realize the necessary resources.

Look at the revenue reforms Keep NYC Free and others recommend.
As Jimmy Messina poses in song with Kenny Loggins in the Same Old Wine,
Can we trust in new directions
When their promises are in disguise.

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FIGURE 1. Average Taxi Speeds in Manhattan CBD and the Midtown Core 2010-2016



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| FIGURE 12. ESTIMATED ZONE FEE GROSS REVENUE (ASSUMES ONCE PER DAY) (IN \$MILLIONS) | | | |
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| Below 60th Street | | | |
| | Mon–Fri 6am–8pm | Mon–Fri 6am–8pm | Variable Pricing – See Rate Tables Below |
| | | Sat and Sun 12pm–10pm | Mon–Sun 24-hours per Day |
| Revenue: Autos (\$11.52 fee) | \$705 | \$905 | \$970 |
| Revenue: Trucks (\$25.34 fee) | \$105 | \$120 | \$130 |
| Total: Autos/Trucks | \$810 | \$1,025 | \$1,100 |
| Congestion Reduction (Reduction in CBD entries during specified charging periods) | 13% | 14% | 8% |
| Average CBD Speed Increase | 9% | 9% | 8% |

Congestion reduction and average **Speed** increase estimates are based on a flat \$2 pickup charge on CBD originating taxi and FHV trips.
 Chart above presumes MOVE NY's two-way automobile E-ZPass toll rate of \$11.52 unless otherwise specified.