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Last week, the New York City Council Speaker raised significant concerns about the efficacy of the State's congestion toll-tax scheme to raise funds for the MTA. This just demonstrates more questions exist without any answers for a tax scheme that will burden New Yorkers with higher costs of living and delayed public transit, hurt the economy and will not realize anywhere near the funding claimed.



Council Speaker Johnson slams MTA preparedness for congestion pricing

By Vincent Barone
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City Council Speaker Corey Johnson believes the MTA is failing to properly prepare for its forthcoming congestion pricing program in Manhattan. Johnson raised red flags over a “lack of communication and transparency” in a letter to the transit authority earlier this week as the MTA moves closer to its 2021 deadline to implement a new toll structure for cars entering Manhattan below 96th Street.

Johnson, to start, said the MTA should boost subway and bus service if it expects more commuters to shift away from driving—or otherwise publish data stating that current levels of service could handle more travelers.

Read the full article at <https://www.amny.com/transportation/council-speaker-johnson-slams-mta-preparedness-for-congestion-pricing/>