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## *Just Saying... Start-up Delay Make Clear Need to Revisit Resources*

There seems to be a school of thought that the MTA should continue to rely on the congestion tax scheme to help fund its capital plan. This unsound reasoning suggests a need for federal approval for the toll-tax scheme to enter much of Manhattan can be overcome without delaying its implementation. Keep NYC Free already highlighted the impact of a lengthy review process. On average, this involves 7.5 years! The Capital Plan covers 2/3 (5 years) of that timeframe. This makes compelling that lawmakers seriously consider revenues that both make sense and require no nod from D.C.

And funding remains one of many issues that remain unresolved concerning the implementation of the congestion tax. This includes the lack of public disclosure about who will set the tolls, how much will they cost, and who gets exempted from paying.

Unlike the process now, which would likely disclose these critical details only right before the scheduled implementation, we need these matters resolved quickly and openly.

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