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Why Create a Crisis...Over Resources? Act Now!

The apparent financial crisis facing the MTA over its Capital Plan posed most recently by [Crain's](#) makes plain the need to no longer delay revisiting how to effectively fund public transit and its projects. Keep NYC Free early [identified](#) the issues raised by the MTA's failure to account for the required federal approval for the toll-tax scheme to enter much of Manhattan. A lengthy review process that, on average, involves 7.5 years extends 50% longer than the MTA 5-year Capital Plan. Why are lawmakers failing to seriously consider approaches that both make sense and require no nod from D.C.?

This coincides with the lack of public disclosure about who will set the tolls, how much will they cost, and who gets exempted from paying.

On top of this, the [impact](#) of the Coronavirus on transit revenues as riders stay home and/or consider alternative transit modes requires attention.

The public needs to know and look forward to the resolution of these matters quickly and openly – and sensibly.

Read Crain's article, [Subway upgrades without congestion pricing funds will cause another transit crisis](#)

Read Vice story, [Subways, Airports Rush to Clean Now, Pay Later Amid Virus Threat](#)

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