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Change in Plans? But Resource Remains Unreliable....So Why?

The State response to the financial crisis facing the MTA – after the Coronavirus caused an understandable decline in mass transit fare and other dedicated revenues – goes against everything New York should be doing to help its citizens and businesses survive after COVID-19.

A state budget that re-allocates funds from a non-existent, unproven, and unreliable – and unapproved – congestion pricing toll-tax scheme flies directly in the face of common sense. It's the very last thing New York's economy needs: imposing a tax on New Yorkers who already lost their jobs by the thousands and discouraging millions of much-needed visitors who spend on barely-surviving Manhattan restaurants, bars, entertainment, nightlife and shops.

Keep NYC Free expresses concern that any reliance on the congestion toll-tax scheme to enter much of Manhattan [compounds](#) rather than resolves any resource crisis. Keep NYC already [outlined](#) the mistake in any reliance on the regressive, inequitable, unfair and unsustainable congestion tax that [fails](#) on any level; it even falls short of its claims concerning the environment. 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. By the way, nothing addressed the lack of public disclosure about who will set the tolls, how much will they cost, and who gets exempted from paying.

Read Politico's article, [State to let crisis-era MTA tap uncertain congestion pricing revenue for daily operations](#)

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