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ASSEMBLY COOL TO CONGESTION

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February 28, 2008 -- ALBANY - A growing number of Assembly members say it's extremely unlikely their house will support a revised congestion plan backed by Mayor Bloomberg, with at least two dozen now backing a different alternative that doesn't charge to drive into parts of Manhattan.

"It's not going to happen," said Assemblyman Mark Weprin (D-Queens) of the Bloomberg-backed congestion pricing plan.

Assemblyman Joseph Lentol (D-Brooklyn) added, "I never say never, but I think it's pretty unlikely given the feeling of the [Democratic] conference."