

The New York Times editorialists, ought to own up and should some of the blame for the state of the MTA finances. The Times supports the Toll-Tax dependent Ravitch scheme despite its patent inequity, unfairness and inefficiency.

Then again the same page supported the ill conceived parent of the toll-tax known as the congestion tax. And worse, The Times devotes virtually no coverage to the sound alternatives offered up by our coalition. This despite the fact that our proposals contain substantial revenues that enable the MTA to save the fare and avoid service cuts.

One senses The Times welcomes the prospect packing even more riders to the over-capacity subway cars that surely will result if the toll-taxers get their way and impose tolls on the extensions of our city streets known as our free bridges across the East River and Harlem River.

The Times has absolutely no business castigating State Senators who recognize the idiocy of a toll scheme and commenced a conversation on alternatives.

Rather than an inefficient, unfair and inequitable tax that will pack in straphangers like Sardines, The Times better serves its readers and the public by advocating the sound alternatives advocates by the coalition of civic, business and labor organizations, Keep NYC Free.

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Editorial

A Costlier Commute? Blame Albany

Sometime this month, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority is preparing to severely cut service and raise fares by a painful 23 percent. Here's the reason: A few New York state senators have decided to let commuters suffer, even their own constituents, rather than approve a tax on payrolls and modest new tolls on bridges over the Harlem and East Rivers.

Read the full editorial at

http://www.nytimes.com/2009/03/13/opinion/13fri4.html?_r=2&ref=opinion