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Hellbound Train

A Message to those who seek to exploit the L shutdown to Irresponsibly Impose Toll Scheme

Imposing a toll-tax scheme on the free Brooklyn East River crossings to Manhattan provides absolutely no relief to the commuters and businesses impacted by the planned L train shutdown. The “fairly” scheme offers neither net revenues nor traffic relief. Tolling the free East River bridges connecting Brooklyn (and Queens) to Manhattan will not move New York.

Rather simple relief measures exist, and perhaps, merit permanent adoption. Make many more MTA buses available, install dedicated (and enforced) bus lanes, including on the Williamsburg Bridge, look at bus to ferry to bus routes. Early educate the public on the alternative commuting options so riders can discern which alternatives work best for them.

Keep NYC Free (KeepNYCFree.com) documented that any toll-tax scheme fails to raise the revenues needed, offers no benefits and hurts the economy (Look forward to a new report on this soon.).

Keep NYC Free (KeepNYCFree.com) emphasizes how alternative revenues could secure resources to support public transit in a truly progressive manner.

The toll-tax scheme asks these city residents to bear a cost just above \$11 (\$11.08; \$16 cash) per day. Rather than relief for L train riders and others affected by its shutdown, the toll-taxers would leave us “Lost and flying down the road on the Hellbound Train.” Let them listen to the last track on my fave Savoy Brown LP that offers the preceding lyrics. New Yorkers deserve better. Indeed we should be Doin' Fine.

See: [A lifeline during the L-pocalypse: Try a pilot of the Move NY bridge-toll plan](#), Daily News, October 24, 2016