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## No Merit to Any Argument for Same old failed Toll-Tax

News stories heading into this past weekend raised the same old discredited claims about congestion pricing. Keep NYC Free reminds its readers that this <u>regressive</u> tax <u>scheme</u>, represents an ideological-driven attempt at social engineering by elites who prefer to limit access by the City's <u>middle class and working families</u> to midtown and downtown Manhattan.

It achieves nothing that matters in a progressive society:

\*Fails to provide sustainable revenues – the essence of any tax for transit.

\*<u>Fails</u> to ease <u>congestion</u>, according to the data its own ideological driven supporters share.

\*No improvement in the environment.

\*<u>Regressive</u> in impact.

\*Inequitable.

So why not focus on what works; \*Demonstrate better management \*Outline real plans to address transit deserts \*Rely on sustainable <u>revenues</u>.

It makes better sense to replace this <u>regressive</u> scheme and its limited and unsustainable revenues with sound and <u>sustainable</u> measures identified by Keep NYC Free. Examples include:

\*charging market rate for street closures (\$600 million)

\*registration fees (\$300 million) and

\*non-resident income tax (\$2 billion).

These would better serve the public and transit interests.

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See Congestion pricing, take two, City&State, December 10, 2018

Congestion pricing plan gaining ground as lawmakers seek ways to fund subway repairs, *Daily News*, December 12, 2018