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Keep NYC Free welcomes a state panel's ruling that key MTA decision on congestion pricing get made <u>in public</u>. As important as this remains, timing matters as well.

On January 26, Keep NYC Free, in a <u>letter</u> to the Daily New, reiterated its support for transparency in the meetings of the unelected Traffic Mobility Review Board (TMRB) that will set the toll-tax rates and "award" exemptions to the toll-tax scheme.

As we stated in our letter,

"The public ought to know the deal before they vote to elect/ re-elect members of the State Senate and State Assembly. After all, it impact our pocketbooks! The public needs to know where candidates – incumbents and challengers – stand on any recommendations the panel makes on setting the toll-tax and exempting anyone from this cost. Delaying these important decisions that impact our pocketbooks and quality of life until AFTER we go to the polls next November deprives New Yorkers from being informed of a candidates's stance on congestion pricing and its details."

NYC congestion pricing tolls must be set in public, says open government expert

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The board that will recommend congestion pricing tolls to enter Midtown must deliberate in public and not behind closed doors, the state Committee on Open Government has ruled.

Read the full article at <u>https://nypost.com/2020/01/17/nyc-congestion-pricing-tolls-</u> <u>must-be-set-in-public-says-open-government-expert/</u>