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## *Need for Federal OK Prompts Resource Revisit*

The need for approval from the federal government for the toll-tax scheme to enter much of Manhattan makes its compelling to reconsider revenues that both makes sense and require no nod from D.C. The news [report](#) in yesterday's *Wall Street Journal* raises the prospect that this careless transit experiment hit a roadblock and money from congestion pricing will not flow as schemed. Indeed many issues remain [unresolved](#) concerning the implementation of the congestion tax. Keep NYC Free and others already raised concerns about the lack of public disclosure about who will set the tolls, how much will they cost, and who gets exempted from paying.

Just over 11 months ago, Keep NYC Free released a [menu](#) of alternative revenues that require no complications to introduce. Why not revisit now, rather than risk delaying funds for promised projects?

Read the [Wall Street Journal](#) article (excerpt below).

## **New York City Congestion Pricing Waits for Federal Approval**

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

MTA needs U.S. permission to move ahead with project to charge tolls on vehicles in Manhattan

By Paul Berger

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New York state's efforts to implement the nation's first congestion pricing zone are facing a hurdle: the plan requires federal approval.

The state's Metropolitan Transportation Authority must obtain permission from the Federal Highway Administration before it can begin final design and construction of the tolling infrastructure needed to charge vehicles entering Manhattan's central business district.

With about one year to go before tolling is expected to start, the MTA hasn't received approval from the federal agency.

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