

How much that traffic converging on the congestion-pricing zone would be reduced is another question. Critics of the plan insist many people would drive up to the edges of the zone, park, and take mass transit the rest of the way. That won't do much to ease traffic on the Staten Island Expressway.

The November 8, 2007 editorial, *Congestion Suggestion*, continues:

So far, the administration has failed to offer much in the way of specifics. That has both advocates and opponents concerned, as was seen this week at a hearing on the proposal at the College of Staten Island. In attendance were members of the state commission created to study congestion-pricing and other traffic-reduction measures and make recommendations to the legislature.

State Sen. Diane Savino spoke for many Staten Islanders when she said, "We represent Staten Island, the district, the borough that is the most under-served by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, the Department of Transportation, transportation alternatives in general. We feel we have been made to bear the burden for far too long. Regardless of what this commission comes up with, we're still going to have a traffic problem."

Read the complete editorial at:

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