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Why Adopt a toll-tax scheme that means two New Yorks?

Keep NYC Free [consistently speaks out](#) on how the toll-taxers scheme to create the two New Yorks the Mayor campaigned against to prevent.

Indeed no need exists for our Mayor to analyze the latest iteration of a [toll-tax scheme](#) asks these city residents to bear a cost just above \$11 (\$11.08; \$16 cash) per day. Despite the false assertions of the taxers whose scheme would certain create two New Yorks, Keep NYC Free (KeepNYCFree.com) [documented](#) that any toll-tax scheme fails to raise the revenues needed, offers no benefits and hurts the [economy](#). Tolling the free East River bridges connecting Brooklyn and Queens to Manhattan certainly will not [move New York](#). A discussion on revenues ought to be about what makes sense, not what appeals to some [ideological](#) bent.

[Toll-tax schemes](#) represent nothing serious when we must focus on real [revenue](#) streams to support public transit. The tolling proponents argue revenue – that cannot be realized – to mask a campaign where they act as [social engineers](#) to take moderate, middle and lower income New Yorkers out of cars and impose their ill-advised economically devastating social agenda

Looking for sound revenues streams? A reform of the non-resident income tax – long advanced by the Queens Civic Congress – now proposed in legislation by Assembly Member David Weprin, could secure much of the revenue needed estimated at some \$2 billion, and in a more progressive manner. Other revenue sensible streams include reform of City fees for closing streets as part of construction projects (approx. \$500 million) and a surcharge on expensive car registration in the MTA regions. Why not try some of these?

See:

[De Blasio still hasn't read billion-dollar transit revenue plan](#) (New York Post)

[De Blasio and Schumer Take the Subway. Many Fellow Riders Shrug.](#) (New York Times)

[Bill de Blasio and Sen. Chuck Schumer ride R train to push for mass transit funding](#) (Daily News)