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Interesting Math Confirmed! SIers will pay \$8 more under MoveNY's UNfair toll-tax Scheme

Keep NYC Free recently exposed the <u>Interesting Math</u> the toll-taxers at <u>MoveNY</u> attempt to compute when they seek to hike the cost of a drive to and from Manhattan for State Island residents. In a tweet (See screen shot below.) today their chief flack confirms our dollars and sense.



Alex Matthiessen @bluemarbleproi

.@Bearak fast & loose w/ the facts: undr Lanza @MoveNewYork plan SIers RT to CBD same as everyone else: \$5 each waytwitter.com/bearak/status/...

34m ago

[View the tweet on <u>twitter</u>.]

In reply (working within the 140 character limit): "WRONG! SIers will pay more to cross Verrazano AND access Manhattan they don't pay on FREE bridges you'd toll"

For our readers' convenience, Keep NYC reprises some basic math:

"Simple math – addition and subtraction – should come easy to those who make decisions on public budgets and taxes. Yet legislation by a Staten Island senator putting his own spin on the congestion tax scheme marketed by MoveNY shows the folly of any toll-tax scheme that asks these city residents to bear a cost just above \$11 (\$11.08; \$16 cash) per day to cross any bridge still, and meant to be, free.

"Today, Staten Islanders with an EZPass currently pay \$5.54 to cross the Verrazano and pay nothing when they take the Brooklyn, Manhattan or Williamsburg Bridges; their net to enter Manhattan: \$5.54.

"Under the Senator's variant of the toll-tax scheme SIers, while paying \$3.04 on the Verrazano, would pay \$5 each way at any of the bridge or tunnel crossings to Manhattan; their net to enter Manhattan: \$13.04! <u>\$8 more!</u>

"Perhaps some studying, or a refresher, of a post <u>here</u> last October might help."