

No new MTA taxes

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But any way you look at it, congestion pricing amounts to a tax on those who work in Manhattan but live elsewhere — as much of a tax, in fact, as the one de Blasio wants.

Indeed, Cuomo likely won't even unveil the details of his plan before next January's State of the State address, other than to say it won't involve East River bridge tolls.

Besides, as the Manhattan Institute's Nicole Gelinas has noted repeatedly in these pages, the MTA is hardly short of revenue — and simply throwing more money at the agency won't solve its problems.

Despite some recent shortfalls, the MTA's tax take has doubled in the last decade — and its total income this year is a staggering \$15.6 billion. Yet it's saddled with debt because of bad decisions and mismanagement, and faces looming deficits.

Fixing the MTA has to come from within. If subways need more cash, take it from existing sources. Whether it's tolls, fees or taxes, New Yorkers already pay too much.

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