

## Congestion Pricing Won't Solve New York's Transportation Woes

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Gov. Cuomo and a bus (photo: Kevin P. Coughlin/Governor's Office)

Governor Andrew Cuomo's recent vague interest in congestion pricing as a solution to problems at the MTA may give new life to one of former Mayor Michael Bloomberg's key policy goals, but absent transportation improvements officials could be making now, pricing will not save our subways. We cannot let them off the hook in search of the perceived silver bullet of congestion pricing.

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....commenters and policy nerds this side of the Atlantic have missed the real substance of London's improvements, and in doing so, they are giving our elected officials a pass on work they should be doing right now, regardless of the status of the pricing proposal.

What today's transportation advocates are missing is that the key ingredient to London's success was not its charge but its buses.

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