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App-FHVs increased congestion
threaten Public Transit

A recent report exposes the hypocrisy of the app-based vehicle industry, which stands among the foremost supporters of the regressive congestion toll-tax scheme. The studies not only find these vehicles proliferating and causing congestion; they find of users of the so-called ridesharing industry that, in fact, they prefer to ride solo! So Uber and Lyft argued for congestion pricing to distract attention from the fact their industry increased congestion and stole riders from public transit.

They (Uber and Lyft) support charging private drivers to get them off the road in the Manhattan zone and make it easier for their congestion-driving vehicles to get about. Of course, fewer private drivers entering the zone also means fewer payers of the congestion tax and a need for higher tolls to reach the required revenue targets set by the toll-law passed last year.

Read Excerpts from the Wall Street Journal article below:

The Ride-Hail Utopia That Got Stuck in Traffic

Uber and Lyft said they would ease congestion. Instead they made it worse.

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

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Five years ago, Travis Kalanick was so confident that Uber Technologies Inc.'s UBER -1.07% rides would prompt people to leave their cars at home that he told a tech conference: "If every car in San Francisco was Ubered there would be no traffic."

Today, a mounting collection of studies shows the opposite: Far from easing traffic, Uber and its main rival Lyft Inc. LYFT -4.98% are adding to congestion in numerous U.S. downtowns.

Read more at https://www.wsj.com/articles/the-ride-hail-utopia-that-got-stuck-in-traffic-11581742802?mod=hp_lead_pos5