

Keep NYC Congestion Tax Frees calls attention to the proposals elsewhere on this site which provide ample revenues. Interestingly, a much, much smaller investment – some \$7 million to restore more than 100 lost and unfilled positions – that increases the number of City Assessors to review tax exemptions and abatements – rather than the Finance Department's current “rubber stamp” approach – could yield, according to head of the union that represents the assessors same funding as City Hall's congestion tax. One keeps getting a sense that the people at City Hall and the administration with the access to this kind of information fail to share it with key decisionmakers. Might there be other agendas at work here?

And of course, this stream would still need to be guaranteed to support needed transit projects.

<http://www.nydailynews.com/blogs/dailypolitics/2008/05/bloomberg-still-not-quite-over.html>

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[Bloomberg Still Not Quite Over Congestion Pricing](#)

Mayor Bloomberg last night made a brief appearance at the CBC dinner last night and devoted a fair chunk of his admittedly brief remarks to a lament over the death of his congestion pricing plan in Albany [over a month ago](#).

Bloomberg referred to "any budget without funding - such as the MTA capital plan, which now has an even bigger-than-expected hole due to the lack of congestion pricing revenue - as "a joke" and little more than a "wish list."

"We need money to do things, and sadly the state Legislature couldn't do this," the mayor said.

The mayor had kind words for evening's honoree, state Comptroller Tom DiNapoli, who, according to Bloomberg, "gets it," as evidenced by his [criticism of the state budget](#) for spending and borrowing too much and relying too heavily on revenue "one-shots."

He also thanked the CBC for [praising](#) his recently-released [executive budget](#) and for trying to make elected officials toe a fiscally prudent line, adding:

"Left to its own devices, sadly, government would continue to spend and spent us all into the poorhouse," the mayor said.

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