

Here We Go Again (Again?)

One would think someone, some staffer, might just bring the guy up to speed. But Deputy Mayor Goldsmith keeps on chatting up the discredited congestion tax sort of like that rabbit in that battery commercial.

Thus in case our Deputy Mayor missed our July 28 [commentary](#), we reprint below for his convenience (and attention):

“Periodically, someone speaks, perhaps from the hip, ignorant of local history and politics, without doing the research, or choosing to ignore the undisputed facts. And Keep NYC Free responds to properly educate the misinformed one and anyone who might accept the misinformation. For example, look at our post, [The Song Remains The Same](#) from last March; or [You're The Next Fool! \(Reprise\)](#) last February or [You're The Next Fool!](#) as 2009 ended. Deputy Mayor Goldsmith's recent New York 1 News [interview](#) brought to mind the closing lyrics of a [song](#) penned by Eagles bassist/ vocalist [Timothy Schmit](#):

*Ooh – Could it really be it's not the same
Looking' back behind is such a silly game
But here we go again*

“As we stated several times here (and elsewhere) Congestion Pricing – what we more properly call the Congestion Tax – remains “the faulty policy that no amount of messaging can correct.” The scheme just does not achieve what the supporters claim. Worse, the Deputy Mayor talks of the congestion tax as a solution to current congestion most likely the result of the administration's plaza schemes with all their attendant lane closings, re-routings and revised bus routes, and having little relation to increased traffic. Throughout the past debates Keep NYC Free [documented](#) how the scheme and its variants failed.

“No change in Deputy Mayors or mouthpieces fixes the inefficiencies, the unfairness, and the unsoundness of each of the schemes.

“For the Deputy Mayor's convenience – if he really cares about the economy and steady revenues for the MTA, we recommend he add to this summer's required reading list the [Keep NYC Free plan](#).”

Just imagine if the Deputy Mayor spoke about the [stimulus money](#) not used to avert the service [cuts](#).

[See next page for the transcript of the Deputy's Mayor's comments]

Read the full WNYC “Transportation Nation” interview with Deputy Mayor Goldsmith, *NY's New Deputy Mayor Likes BRT and Congestion Charging — But Does He Like Bike Lanes?*, [here](#)

Read the New York Observer [story](#), *New Deputy Mayor Likes Congestion Pricing—And Not Just for Bridges and Streets*.