

A Mayor Stands for Free Bridges

Former NYC Mayor Edward I. Koch made clear where he stands on placing [tolls](#) (aka a “[Congestion Tax](#)” or more recently a “[Traffic Tax](#)”) on the Queensborough Bridge about to be renamed in his honor following a City Council vote last Wednesday (March 23, 2011):

“So long as I'm alive, if anybody suggests fares at that bridge, I will stand there like Horatio and stop it...No tolls on the Ed Koch Queensboro Bridge because you'll find me standing there with my sword.” - Mayor Koch (to *Wall Street Journal*)

"If there is any mention of putting a toll on that bridge, I shall run down to the bridge like Horatio and stand there with a sword to stop it!" Koch declared Wednesday shortly after the City Council voted to rename the bridge in his honor (*Daily News*)

Mr. Koch said that because he is alive, the tribute comes with a responsibility: serving as the bridge's protector. “If anyone even suggests tolls,” he said, “I will be down at the bridge like Horatio guarding it.” (*The New York Times*)

Koch told the WSJ he'd be good for the bridge, "So long as I'm alive, if anybody suggests fares at that bridge, I will stand there like Horatio and stop it. No tolls on the Ed Koch Queensboro Bridge because you'll find me standing there with my sword." (*Gothamist*)

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