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## Talk Real Revenues, Stop Scheming on Tolls & Congestion Tax Schemes Before More Big Builds, How About Restoring Services Ambitious Projects Merit Sound Solutions

Anyone seeking comment the real impact of pricing schemes, we urge you contact Keep NYC Free's Principal Spokesperson, former NYC Council Member **Walter McCaffrey**, at **(718) 683-1500** (Please note this number works 24 hours/ day.).

Nothing changes but the packaging when it comes to this latest pricing, [congestion taxing](#) and toll tax [schemes](#). Those congestion tax schemers come back; they always do.<sup>1</sup> They must find it hard to let go, let go, sort of unexplainable like that great Neil Young [song](#) that some 47 years later no one quite understands (But it sounds great even when Richie Furay [sings](#) (3:56 in) it outside [Buffalo Springfield](#).):

*Who's that stomping all over my face?  
Where's that silhouette I'm trying to trace?*

[Last fall](#) we stated, “The congestion taxers remain so fixated on their [inequitable](#), [inefficient](#), [unsound](#) and [unfair](#) tax [scheme](#) that they seek to pick off legislative and other opponents with legal bribery from a fare hike delay to a bridge toll reduction amounting to peanuts, if that much.

“[Nothing](#) has changed to justify a scheme that likely [results](#) in little or [no](#) net revenues after including the costs of administration. And that goes before the truly negative [economic costs](#) of this blatant tax scheme. No amount of messaging can correct this [faulty](#) policy.”

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<sup>1</sup> witness the Crain's Insider, March 22, and City & State and Bill Keller's New York Times op-ed, March 5.

In fact, the current iteration of the Schwartz scheme, which seems to add projects to placate (perhaps “buy off” might be a better phrase) a different special interest with each new power point showing, looks very much like the congestion pricing scheme.

*It ain't no gold nugget, you can't lay a claim.*

If the goal is to reduce congestion, better ways exist; if the goal really concerns revenue, better, fairer, equitable and more efficient measures exist.

Among them, the sound proposals and recommendations from Keep NYC Free that remain available and merit consideration as practical alternatives.