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A Message on Transit Funding from Keep NYC Free: Stop those promises in disguise!

A consensus exists around the need to support Mass Transit. Unfortunately, some persist to use that imperative to promote ideologically driven funding [schemes](#) which lack merit by suggesting various projects offered as “bones” to various interests and constituencies. Those misguided in looking to that scheme for new funding need to understand the dollars and sense. “It’s the same old wine” [we continue to get pitched](#), but “From a brand new bottle.”¹ Keep NYC Free (KeepNYCFree.com) [documented](#) that any toll-tax scheme fails to raise the revenues needed, offers no benefits and hurts the [economy](#).

Keep NYC Free [again cautions](#) against this weekend's editorial board rant joining the usual toll-tax crowd to prop up the MoveNY [toll-tax scheme](#). When discussing [revenue](#), Keep NYC Free [cautions](#) against any reliance on this congestion tax [scheme](#) marketed by [MoveNY](#). It offers neither net revenues nor relief from traffic.

We previously shared in [A Message for some legislators](#):

Those who claim to be about “fair tolling and transportation reinvestment” [ignore](#) the record about the City residents who use the free roads that connect Manhattan to Brooklyn, Queens and The Bronx. This [toll-tax scheme](#) asks these city residents to bear a cost just above \$11 (\$11.08; \$16 cash) per day.

Tolling New York City's free East River bridges connecting Brooklyn and Queens to Manhattan will not [move New York](#).

1 From [Same Old Wine](#) by Loggins & Messina, Jim Messina, composer.

Tolling proponents argue revenue – that cannot be realized – to mask a campaign where they act as [social engineers](#) to take moderate, middle and lower income New Yorkers out of cars.

Any discussion on revenues ought to be about what makes sense, not what appeals to some [ideological](#) bent.

Keep NYC Free [emphasizes](#) how [alternative revenues](#) could secure much of the revenue needed, and in a more [progressive](#) manner. While some offer [wasted words](#) for the [scheme](#), recall [many more already concur](#) in finding it far from fair and lacking in promise of returns.

It's time to stop those promises in disguise.

See [The New York Times, May 21, 2016](#)