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## Empty Bottle report offers Same Old Wine **Orwellian approach Can't Even "Relieve" Congestion**

Last week Keep NYC Free revealed another truth about the regressive Fix NYC "Zone Pricing" scheme: The scheme fails to relieve congestion! Nevertheless editorials and ideologues continue their scheming to impose this latest toll-tax. These inaccurate wordsmiths make Orwell proud.

The new Fix NYC document, by its own data, vividly makes clear how the scheme does nothing to address congestion. Fix NYC harps on 9% *increase* in taxi speeds (see pages 2 and 3 in our January 26 statement). Claiming their toll-tax even alleviates congestion represents a shameful intent to sell the same old wine in a brand new (and empty) bottle.

Let's *Look at the Record*: The report finds average taxi speeds range from 4.7 mph ("midtown core") to 6.8 mph (CBD aka Central Business District). Simple math indicates respective "bumps" of 0.42 mph & 0.6 mph. State Senator Leroy Comrie raised the negligible outcome in comments at a January 25 Albany hearing (at 3:52 "...it doesn't relieve congestion...").

Keep NYC recommends policymakers reject this regressive toll-tax scheme. This Orwellian toll-tax fails our economy and ignores the facts that the primarily middle and working class (based on median incomes) drivers of private vehicles already pay registration fees and surcharges, gas taxes and sales taxes on repairs and purchases. Instead Keep NYC recommends sustainable reforms it and others recommend.



See:

[Daily News editorial](#), January 30, 2018

[StreetsBlog](#), January 30, 2018

[New York Times](#), January 30, 2018

[City&State](#) op-ed, January 30, 2018

[Crains](#), January 30, 2018

[Crains editorial](#), January 30, 2018

[NY1](#), January 27, 2018