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Sometimes folks forget what they enacted

In a rather long missive today, a former long-time elected from Brooklyn promoted the congestion tax to fund MTA projects. Apparently retired Assembly Member James Brennan finds no merit in the payroll tax he helped pass for just this purpose. The public needs to know why revenues passed to solve MTA financing need bolstering. Management? Truth in budgeting? Costs? Waste?

Keep NYC Free raises those above concerns while some out there prefer to market a regressive congestion tax scheme. This ideological-driven attempt at social engineering by elites who prefer to limit access by the City's middle class and working families to midtown and downtown Manhattan fails on all counts. Time to move on.

For the record congestion pricing stands against all that matters in a progressive society:

- *Fails to provide sustainable revenues – the essence of any tax for transit.

- *Fails to ease congestion, according to the data its own ideological driven supporters share.

- *No improvement in the environment.

- *Regressive in impact.

- *Inequitable.

So why not focus on what works;

- *Demonstrate better management

- *Outline real plans to address transit deserts

- *to the extent a need for new resources gets truly demonstrated, rely on sustainable revenues. (See some here.)

See Gotham Gazette