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President Biden: user fee burden falls on working class

As summer began, a New York Times [commentary](#) on discussions around a national infrastructure program involving Congress and the White House noted the objections of President Joe Biden to user fees to pay for the program. Hmm, think more locally to the MTA capital plan and the local version of user fees aka the unfair, inequitable regressive congestion pricing tax scheme that some state and local officials and a bunch of ideologues seek to impose here.

The writer links to a [transcript](#) of a Presidential May 12, 2021 remarks by the President. During Q&A, the president states,

And if everything is paid for by a user fee, well, then, you know, **the burden falls on working-class folks** who are — who are having trouble. They're — we're getting them out of the — they're coming around, but it has — this has to be a burden shared across the spectrum.

This regressive scheme does nothing to address the transit deserts in the outer reaches of the City; it disproportionately burdens those in these transit deserts who rely on cars for their every day needs. **Better ways exist to truly address congestion in the central business district, and certainly to raise the dollars we need.**

View the better ways that make sense to truly address congestion in the central business district and raise the dollars needed to resource the MTA to not only pay for needed repairs but also increase access and make the entire system more accessible and equitable for the entire city.

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