

A Resolution Supporting Congestion Pricing in Manhattan

Whereas NYC's subway system has the worst on-time performance record of any major transit system in the world;

Whereas NYC's subways are technically outmoded and crumbling after decades of neglect and mismanagement and need an immediate and comprehensive overhaul;

Whereas NYC Transit's president, Andy Byford, has devised "Fast Forward,"* a bold plan to modernize NYC transit from top to bottom within ten years;

Whereas the cost of the "Fast Forward" plan is estimated at \$40 billion;

Aware that NYC Transit's ridership resists using increased subway fares as a sole funding source, especially when service is both slow and unreliable;

Noting that Governor Cuomo recently endorsed congestion pricing – a fund-raising device charging drivers to enter the busiest parts of the City – as the best way to finance the bulk of urgently needed money to repair our subways;

Aware that the state government has already instituted the similar congestion plan for Yellow Cabs and other for-hire vehicles, like Uber and Lyft;

Aware that a major benefit of congestion pricing will be to reduce traffic in congested areas;

Recognizing that, to remain a world-class city, New York must have a first-class subway system, serving both its citizens and its visitors; and

Noting that congestion-pricing plans have been successfully implemented in other major venues, including London, Stockholm and Singapore;

Now, therefore, be it *resolved*, that the Four Freedoms Democratic Club:

- 1. Supports a well-designed congestion pricing as a viable funding source for financing major subway repair and improving traffic flow in lower Manhattan; and**
- 2. Supports the activities of transit organizations such as Riders Alliance, Transportation Alternatives, other activists and politicians, in their efforts to institute congestion pricing promptly and responsibly.**

* <https://fastforward.mta.info/> ; and
https://www.mta.info/sites/default/files/mtaimgs/fast_forward_the_plan_to_modernize_nyct.pdf