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To the editor:

The News notes there is “no simple fix” to financing our mass transit system which besides subways, includes buses and rail (Daily News editorial, “Saving the subway: Ravitch funding plan is best hope for preserving mass transit,” Friday, December 5, 2008). The inefficient and inequitable toll tax included in the Ravitch scheme touted by the News makes little sense. It essentially recycles the same congestion tax scheme that would take \$2 for administration for every \$3 for transit that the Assembly correctly shunned earlier this year. Instead of the Ravitch plan that also disappointingly lets Albany and City Hall off the hook, we urge the News, its readers and our public officials to look at our coalition [plan](http://keepnycfree.com/media/files/2008-10-15_Recommendations_MTA_Financing.pdf) (http://keepnycfree.com/media/files/2008-10-15_Recommendations_MTA_Financing.pdf) that makes both the State and the City step up to the plate.

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