

Ouch!

MTA Fare Hike = Fewer Straphangers! And More Drivers!

Just another reason, the public has every right to question the aims of the toll-taxers who pushed a plan that brings about this bad outcome. Even their plan still hiked fare so ridership declines could be similarly projected even if not at the level noted in the Crain's Insider report. Note the added vehicle trips. The [alternatives*](#) proposed by Keep NYC Free resources the MTA to maintain the fare at current levels.

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Bridge Traffic to Increase

One irony of the Ravitch plan is that its attempt to ease traffic on the East River bridges will have the opposite effect. Its proposed bridge tolls were intended not just to add revenue, but also to stop motorists from diverting to free crossings. When a few senators blocked the entire plan because they oppose tolls, the MTA responded with a 20% toll increase at paid crossings—making the free bridges even more enticing for drivers. Overall, the MTA's changes are projected to trigger 35,000 more vehicle trips and 30,200 fewer mass-transit trips daily