

# How congestion pricing will benefit Northeast Queens



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## New York City's transit system is in crisis

**Congestion pricing is a realistic step we can take to reduce traffic, cut air pollution, and increase funding for public transportation.**

- ▶ Congestion pricing would charge drivers entering Manhattan below 60<sup>th</sup> Street at certain times, and use the revenue for citywide transit improvements.
- ▶ In London, congestion pricing has improved transit, reduced traffic congestion by 15%, and reduced greenhouse gas emissions by 20%. In Stockholm, traffic congestion decreased by 22% and childhood asthma rates dropped by 50% after congestion pricing started.

## Improvements are planned — but need funding

**These MTA projects are underway or already completed:**

- ▶ Direct LIRR service into Grand Central when East Side Access is complete
- ▶ New elevators to make Murray Hill station wheelchair accessible
- ▶ Waterproofing and rehabilitation of the LIRR Flushing Main Street bridge
- ▶ Provide new intercoms so customers can speak directly to transit employees for information or emergency assistance

**Many of these projects are delayed or in need of additional money to proceed:**

- ▶ Replace and upgrade the Mets-Willets Point LIRR station and create direct access to the proposed LaGuardia AirTrain Station.
- ▶ Fix and replace elevators at multiple locations
- ▶ Up to 1.5 hours of time savings for Queens express bus riders each week
- ▶ Over 180 fully accessible (ADA) stations system-wide in 10 years

**Tell Governor Cuomo and the State Legislature to pass congestion pricing**

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Sources: MTA Capital Program Dashboard, Fast Forward 2018. Express bus time savings estimates are from Riders Alliance.



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Let your representatives know that you support congestion pricing as the cornerstone of a new revenue package to improve transit for all.

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