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Press Release
Transportation Group: NYC Mass Transit Must be Improved to Fix Racial, Economic Inequities

COMM.U.T.E! calls for re-organization of mass-transit spending priorities, congestion pricing, bus rapid transit plan

Two-thirds of commuters with commute longer than an hour earn less than $35K a year; just 6% earn more than $75K

January 16, 2007—More than 750,000 New Yorkers have commute times longer than an hour—and there is a significant racial and economic divide between those straphangers with the most horrendous commutes and those with the easiest, according to census data compiled and released today by the Pratt Center for Community Development. In response to growing inequities in New York’s transportation system, Pratt and community groups today also announced the formation of COMM.U.T.E! – Communities United for Transportation Equity – and called for increased funding for a citywide Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) program as part of a congestion pricing plan for the City.
CONGESTION PRICING

Do you support congestion pricing?

- Total: 37% Yes, 56% No
- Manhattan: 62% Yes, 29% No
- Bronx: 26% Yes, 67% No
- Brooklyn: 29% Yes, 63% No
- Queens: 32% Yes, 61% No
- Staten Island: 26% Yes, 69% No

NYC City Council vote 3/31/08 For/against Congestion Pricing With major transportation infrastructure overlay

Legend:
- For (yes)
- Against (no)
- Not present
- NYC Highways
- MTA Subway
- Commuter Rail
THE GREAT NYC “BIKE-LASH” OF 2011

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Illustration: New York Magazine
PROSPECT PARK WEST

ROADWAY DESIGN BEFORE AND AFTER

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BIKELASH!

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Q8: WHAT DO YOU THINK?
BY PLACE

PPW & Sidestreets
- Keep it more or less as is: 20%
- Keep it with changes: 43%
- Go back to how it was: 37%
777 votes

Elsewhere in Brooklyn
- Keep it more or less as is: 63%
- Keep it with changes: 10%
- Go back to how it was: 27%
1,047 votes

Elsewhere in Park Slope
- Keep it more or less as is: 57%
- Keep it with changes: 24%
- Go back to how it was: 19%
1,049 votes

Note: Responses may not total 100% because of rounding

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IMPROVING THE B61 BUS LINE

- Five bus lines cut to two in 2010 because of large gap in MTA operating funding.
NEXT BUS PLEASE: IMPROVING THE B61 BUS
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B61 buses arrive late and experience “bunching” in both the morning and afternoon rush hours.
TAKEAWAYS

• Run for office
• Focus on tangible results
• Run campaigns to win / build coalitions
• Deploy data
• Stronger focus on participation
• Stronger focus on equity
ENGAGING COMMUNITIES

Participatory Budgeting in NYC District 39

You Decide
Vote for how to spend Alderman Joe Moore’s $8.3 million infrastructure budget
Saturday, April 10th
Vote anytime from 9 A.M. to 7 P.M.

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A MORE DIVERSE IMAGINATION

Yale Students Imagine the Future of Red Hook

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