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**The City of New York  
Community Board 8 Manhattan**

June 27, 2023

Carl Weisbrod, Chair  
Traffic Mobility Review Board  
CBD Tolling Program  
2 Broadway, 23<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10004

Janno Lieber, Chair and CEO  
MTA New York City Transit  
2 Broadway  
New York, NY 10004

**RE: Request that the Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority toll the inbound Upper Roadway of the Queensboro Bridge in the same manner as all other bridge entry and exit points in Manhattan with regards to Congestion Pricing.**

Dear Chair Weisbrod and Chair Lieber,

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on June 21, 2023, the board approved the following resolution by a vote of 20 in favor, 17 opposed, 2 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

**WHEREAS;** the Final Environmental Assessment of the Central Business District Tolling Program was issued on May 12, 2023; and

**WHEREAS;** implementation of congestion pricing could occur as early as April 2024 if the Finding of No Significant Impact is issued upon the expiration of the 30-day review period set to expire on June 12, 2023; and

**WHEREAS;** the modeling performed for the Environmental Assessment for the Central Business District Tolling Program did not assume tolling on the inbound upper roadway of the Queensboro Bridge, suggesting that it will remain untolled upon implementation of toll collection;

**WHEREAS;** the Queensboro Bridge provides a critical link to and from Community District 8; and

**WHEREAS;** There are consistently very high levels of congestion within Community District 8 at entrance and exit points of the Queensboro Bridge, especially on the inbound upper roadway ramp and along 62<sup>nd</sup> and 63<sup>rd</sup> Streets where traffic exits; and

**WHEREAS;** there is significant concern among residents of Community District 8 that there will be increased congestion near the 60<sup>th</sup> Street toll zone boundary upon the initiation of congestion pricing; and

**WHEREAS;** an untolled upper inbound roadway would promote bridge shopping to allow drivers to avoid tolls to reach points north of 60<sup>th</sup> Street that they would otherwise need to pay upon entering or exiting all other roadways of the Queensboro Bridge;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Community Board 8 Manhattan requests that the Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority toll the inbound Upper Roadway of the Queensboro Bridge in the same manner as all other bridge entry and exit points in Manhattan with regards to Congestion Pricing.

Please advise us of any action taken on this matter.

Sincerely,

*Russell Squire*

*Alida Camp and Craig M. Lader*

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Chair

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Co-Chairs, Congestion Pricing Task Force

cc: Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor of New York  
Honorable Eric Adams, Mayor of the City of New York  
Honorable Mark Levine, Manhattan Borough President  
Honorable Jerrold Nadler, 12th Congressional District Representative  
Honorable Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 28th Senatorial District  
Honorable José M. Serrano, NYS Senator, 29th Senatorial District  
Honorable Edward Gibbs, NYS Assembly Member 68th Assembly District  
Honorable Alex Bores, NYS Assembly Member, 73rd Assembly District  
Honorable Rebecca Seawright, NYS Assembly Member 76th Assembly District  
Honorable Keith Powers, NYC Council Member, 4th Council District  
Honorable Julie Menin, NYC Council Member, 5th Council District