



Central Business District Tolling Program

An Overview



Bridges and Tunnels

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What is the Central Business District (CBD) Tolling Program?

Established by State law in 2019, the CBD Tolling Program will reduce traffic congestion in Manhattan's CBD and raise revenue for transit investment.

CBD (also referred to as the Congestion Relief Zone (CRZ)): south of and inclusive of 60th Street, excluding the FDR Drive, West Side Highway, Battery Park Underpass, and roadway portions of the Hugh Carey Tunnel connecting to West Street.

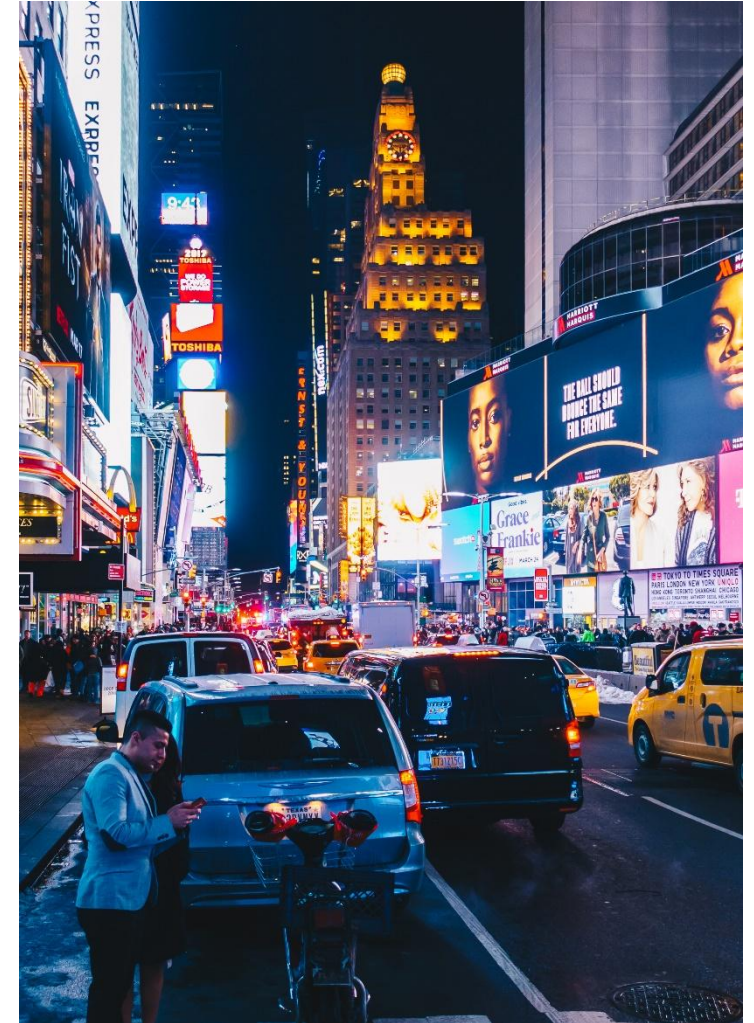
Vehicles entering the CRZ will be charged a toll.

After paying for the program, 80% of net revenues will be invested in subways and buses and 10% each will be invested in Long Island Rail Road and Metro North Railroad



The Challenge: Manhattan Congestion

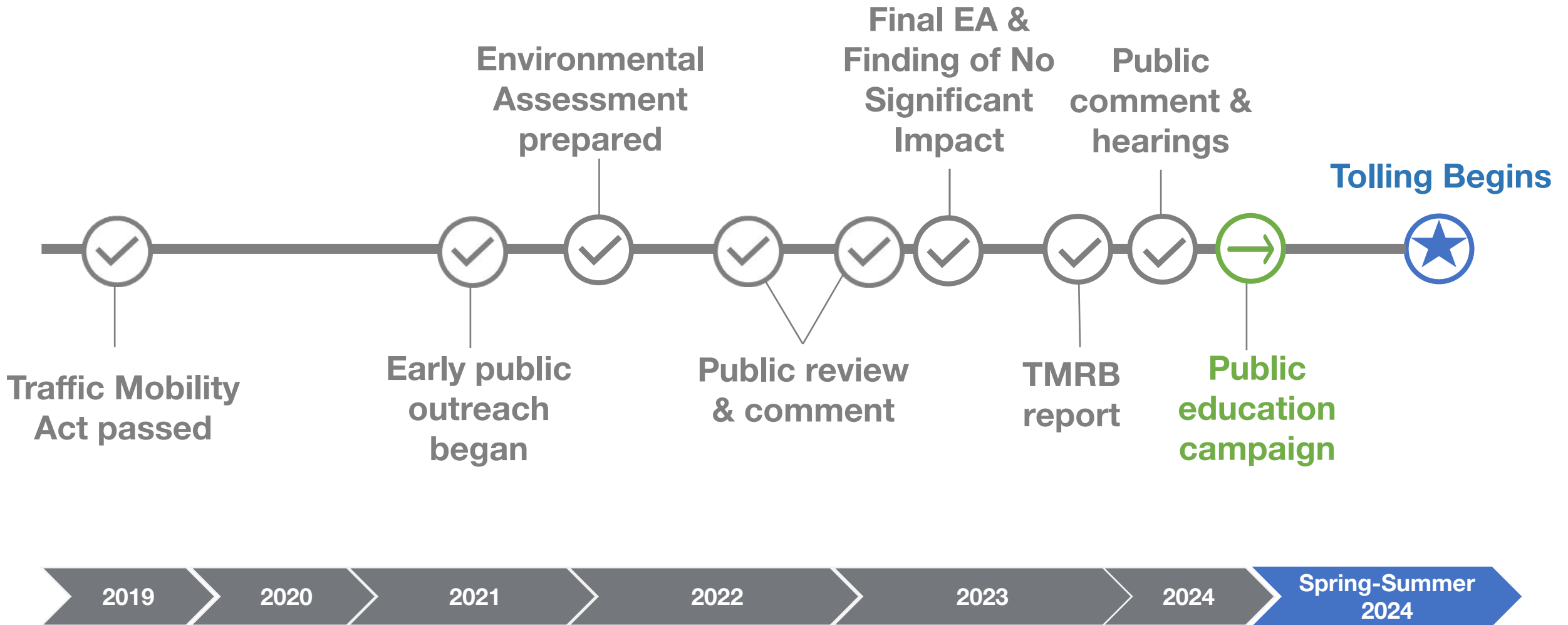
- In 2021, New York City's traffic congestion ranked worst among US cities
- Local bus speeds in Manhattan are, on average, 7% slower than citywide speeds
- Since 2010, average travel speeds in Manhattan CBD have decreased 23%, from 9.2 mph to just 7.1 mph



Project Benefits

- Will reduce vehicular traffic in and near the CRZ
- Will improve regional air quality and reduce traffic noise
- Will improve travel times within the CRZ
- Will provide funds for transit improvements
 - Station accessibility projects
 - Signal modernization
 - New electric buses
 - Other critical system improvements

Where We've Been, Where We Are



Toll Rates – Peak & Overnight E-ZPass Rates

- Full details available at <https://new.mta.info/document/129191>
- Tolls charged only for entry into the CBD
- Passenger vehicles and motorcycles will be tolled no more than once daily

Peak toll rates using E-ZPass:



Proposed Toll Rates –Credits, Discounts, Exemptions

- Partial credit on tunnel crossing tolls during daytime hours with E-ZPass
- Tolls 75% lower during overnight period
- Low-Income Discount Plan reduces peak period toll 50% beginning with the 11th trip taken in a calendar month
- Very limited exemptions
 - Statutory: Qualifying authorized emergency vehicles and qualifying vehicles transporting people with disabilities
 - Recommended: Specialized government vehicles (e.g. garbage trucks, street sweepers) and school, transit, and commuter buses
- Passengers would be charged a toll of \$1.25 per trip for taxis, green cabs, and for-hire vehicles, and \$2.50 per trip for trips dispatched by high-volume for-hire services

Low-Income Drivers

To ensure CBDTP does not result in a potential disproportionately high and adverse effect on low-income drivers who have no other reasonable alternative to driving, the Project Sponsors will institute the following:

- Tax credit for CRZ tolls paid by residents of the CBD whose NY AGI for the taxable year is less than \$60,000
- Low-Income Discount Plan for all drivers whose federal AGI is no more than \$50,000, or who are enrolled in SNAP, WIC, or TANF
- Elimination of the \$10 E-ZPass tag deposit fee for customers without credit card backup
- Enhanced promotion of E-ZPass pay-per-trip and cash payment options as well as existing discount plans
- Enhanced outreach regarding transit fare discounts available to riders who are age 65+, have disabilities, and/or have low incomes

Environmental Mitigation

- Final EA found regional air quality benefit and no exceedance of federal air quality standards
- Project Sponsors have committed \$155 million over 5 years to fund regional- and place-based mitigation measures
- The place-based mitigation measures will specifically benefit environmental justice communities with the greatest pre-existing pollutant and chronic disease burdens where truck traffic proximity could potentially increase.
- The specific locations for place-based mitigation will be finalized after a tolling structure is adopted and will involve community input

Regional Mitigation

The region will benefit from all the following measures:

- Deeply reduced overnight toll (-75%) to minimize or avoid truck diversions
- Expansion of the NYC Clean Trucks Program
- Expansion of the NYC DOT Off-Hours Delivery Program

Thank you!