
MTA Congestion Pricing And The City Fleet

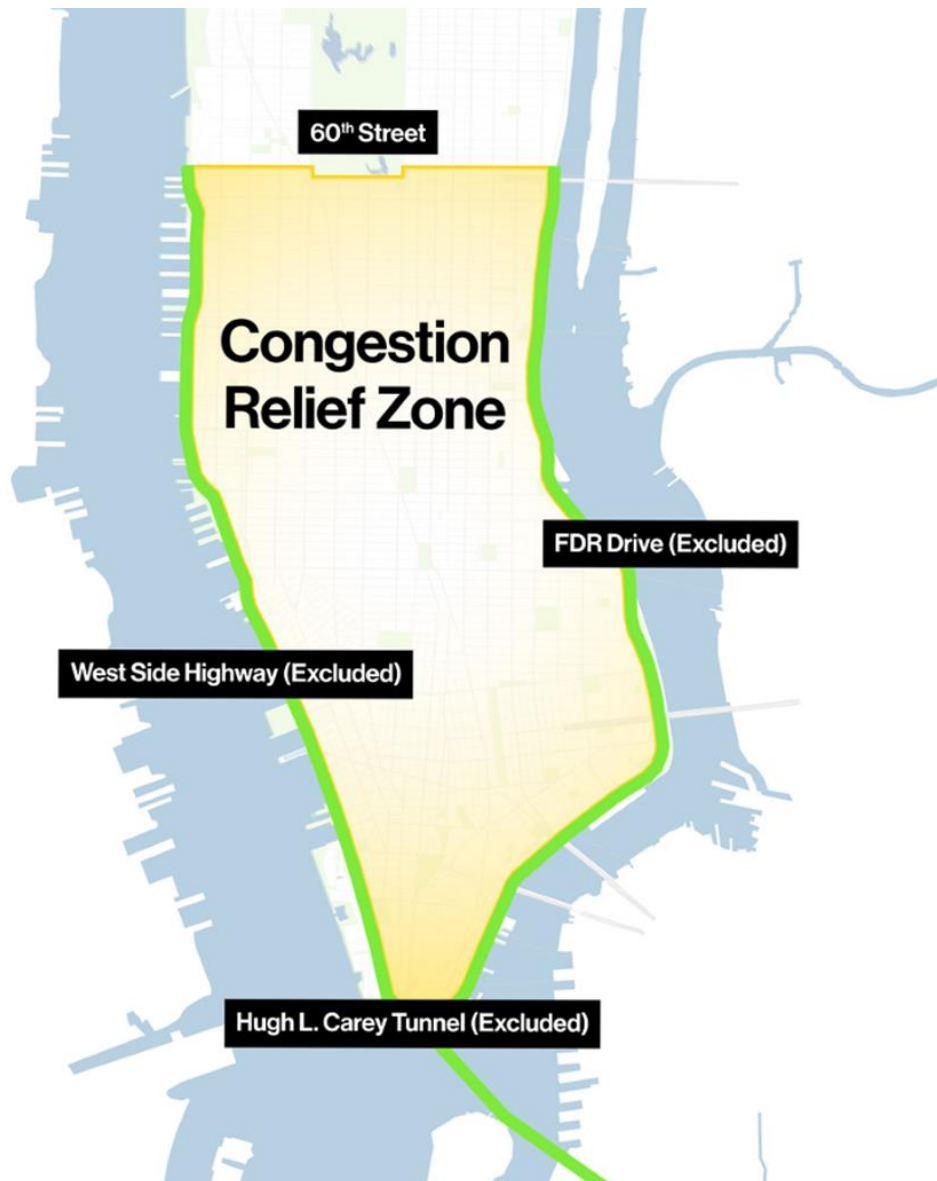
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On January 5, 2025, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) launched congestion pricing for the city. Under the MTA's new congestion pricing program, any vehicles entering the congestion pricing zone in Manhattan south of 60th Street are subject to a fee. Congestion pricing works by reading license plates that enter the zone. Then, the specific charges are applied to E-ZPass accounts. The cameras do not read E-ZPasses, and only scan license plates. E-ZPass accounts are managed de-centrally by each agency and account holder.

The twin goals of congestion pricing are to reduce congestion and pollution and to increase revenue to support public transportation, including subways, buses, and train travel in New York City. Since 2003, congestion pricing has been adopted in [London](#) and other cities internationally. MTA's New York City initiative is the first congestion pricing program in the United States. The full congestion pricing fees can be found [here](#).

Many city-owned fleet vehicles are [exempt](#) from congestion charges as per MTA rules. These include police, fire, and emergency vehicles, work trucks, accessible vehicles, specialized passenger vehicles, and contracted school buses. DCAS has worked with all agencies and NYC Public Schools to apply for these exemptions, which are granted by the MTA and not directly by DCAS or the City.

All city-owned vehicles are not exempt, especially passenger vehicles that are utilized for general transport. Currently, agencies are subject to congestion pricing fees for these vehicles. Please use every effort to avoid unnecessary travel or discretionary trips to the congestion price zone. These efforts will help reduce city costs and support the goal of reduced congestion.



There are currently no exemptions being provided by the MTA for personal vehicles tied to city government, including personal vehicles approved for work use by DCAS and other agencies. Staff authorized to commute with city vehicles or use personal cars for work purposes must pay any E-ZPass costs and congestion pricing costs personally if initiated by a commute to or from work to home. Each agency will implement a reimbursement process tied to city commuting and the E-ZPass and/or congestion pricing costs. All authorized vehicle operators are also reminded to follow all [procedures](#) for operating city vehicles.

It is important to keep in mind that the best way to avoid congestion fees is to use the subway or other public transportation if you must enter Manhattan under 60th

Street. If you cannot avoid traveling into the zone, carpooling is a way to minimize costs and vehicle trips.

If you have questions about congestion pricing, please reach out to your agency transportation coordinator (ATC). As the operations and impacts of this new initiative continue, DCAS will stay in close contact with the MTA and agencies regarding any changes that the MTA may implement.

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