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October 6th, 2023

Carl Weisbrod, Chair, TMRB
MTA Traffic Mobility Review Board
2 Broadway, 20th Floor
New York, NY

RE: Support for 50% Motorcycle Discount in Congestion Pricing

Carl and TMRB Members,

I write to express my support for a fifty percent discount for motorcycles. I introduced a bill to authorize the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority to impose tolls and fees for congestion pricing for motorcycles in the central business district in the amount of half of the charges for the tolls and fees of other vehicles (\$4102).

The argument for reducing the costs associated with congestion pricing for motorcycles makes a great deal of sense. They take up less space on roadways, in parking, and are generally more fuel efficient, if not already electric. This issue was initially brought to me by Cheryl Stewart with Riders Against Congestion at the start of 2023. Shortly thereafter, I introduced my bill. As you may know, Cheryl is a sculptor. Her occupation requires tools which our laws and norms would consider deadly weapons on our mass transit systems. She is unable to take mass transit as a result.

It's good public policy for a vehicle that proportionally creates less congestion to be equitably charged in a congestion pricing scheme. It seems that graduated scale has been applied to the suggestions made for box trucks and big rigs, per the last TMRB meeting. I believe this is a common sense, sensible solution.

If you require any further information or have any questions, please feel free to contact my Legislative Director, Matthew Garcia, via email at garciam@nysenate.gov or by phone at 518-455-2702. Thank you for your consideration.

Yours in Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Comrie".

Leroy Comrie
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