

Cab Gab
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MTA is Using Our Money to Hurt Us

The MTA is about to spend \$60 million dollars to paint bus lanes on first and second avenue. The purpose of these bus lanes is to speed up the routes between Houston and 125th Streets. Also, when this is done there are plans to do the same on more bus routes in other locations. This will make it more difficult for other traffic including taxis to navigate these routes. Any violators of these lanes will be summoned and heavily fined.

The MTA and Mayor Bloomberg believe that the number of riders on these routes will increase 30%. Therefore revenue on these routes will be increased by the same percentage.

But just where are these extra riders going to come from? People don't suddenly decide to take bus rides for no reason. We believe that these additional riders will be taken from the taxi industry! This is what we get for letting them take our tip money! The

money that they are collecting from our passengers is now being used to screw us! This is an outrage!

We are a public transporter just as well as the MTA. As long as they are using funds generated by our hard work shouldn't our passengers be given the same consideration? We demand equal consideration. We should at least be able to use the bus lanes to transport our paying passengers. This is only fair!