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Ninety-one percent of New Yorkers believe that traffic congestion is a problem, according to a Quinnipiac poll released this morning.

They also oppose congestion pricing 58 percent to 37 percent.

But if that money would be used to improve mass transit, the numbers invert, to 60 percent supporting and 37 percent opposing.

Not surprisingly, Manhattan residents are the most supportive of congestion pricing. But everyone, "even" Manhattanites, oppose tolls on the East River Bridges.

Full poll results after the jump.

Here's the release:

New York City voters oppose Mayor Michael Bloomberg's congestion pricing proposal 58 – 37 percent, but they would support congestion pricing 60 – 37 percent if money from the plan is used to improve mass transit in and around the city, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

Manhattan voters support congestion pricing in general 52 – 42 percent. Opposition in the other boroughs ranges from 58 – 36 percent in Queens to 74 – 22 percent in Staten Island.
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