Free Buses, Cheaper Subways – and a Solution to New York’s Traffic

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What This Plan Would Do

NYC Mayor Michael Bloomberg announced on

September 10th that he is giving \‘serious\’ consideration to a plan that would provide free

buses and cheaper subway fares to all of New York City\’s residents. The plan, which

includes a frequency increase of 10% on buses and subway trains, would also

offer a 15% discount for 7-day passes and a 25% discount for monthly passes. In

addition, the Mayor said that he would like to see the implementation of a

\‘event pricing\’ system for subway and bus services during peak

travel times, which would involve surcharges for customers who travel during

these times. Furthermore, the Mayor also proposed the creation of a

\‘residential pricing\’ system, which would offer discounts for customers

who live in certain areas of the city.\n
This plan incorporates elements of \‘sustainability,\’ housing, and socioeconomic
diversity, and for the public-transportation enthusiasts, it represents a

breakthrough in policies on how to make public transit more affordable and

efficient in the country. However, the Mayor\’s plan has received mixed

reviews from both the public and the city\’s transit authorities, with some

supporters and some critics.

The plan\’s supporters argue that it could help reduce traffic congestion,

improve air quality, and reduce the need for new roads and highways. They

also point out that it could help provide access to jobs for those who live in

lower-income areas of the city. However, the critics argue that it could

result in increased congestion on the city\’s roads, as well as decreased

service for those who rely on public transit to get to work or school.

In conclusion, the Mayor\’s plan is a bold and ambitious effort to

improve public transit in New York City. While it has its

supporters and its critics, it is clear that there is a need for

innovative solutions to the city\’s transportation challenges, and

the Mayor\’s plan is a step in the right direction.