

Queens Civic Congress urges its members to speak out against the MTA hikes and mobilize their members to do the same. The Queens hearing takes place January 20 (details below). The proposals present a particular [hardship](#) for Access-A-Ride users. As to financing, Queens Civic Congress recommended [proposals](#) during the “discussions” over whether to impose a concession tax; today toll taxes imposed on our free East River and Harlem River crossing seem to be the latest attempt to exploit our pockets. Our proposals may be viewed [here](#). You might also wish to look at additional [proposals](#) outlined by the coalition we joined to fight the congestion tax and the toll tax. View them [here](#).

The details of the proposed hikes may be viewed [here](#):
 All hearings begin at 6:00 p.m. and registration closes at 9:00 p.m. Arrive early

Wednesday, January 14, 2009 Hilton NY, Trianon Ballroom 1335 Ave of the Americas, Manhattan Directions: E Train, V Train to 5 Av/53 St, B Train D Train F Train V Train to 47-50th Sts/Rockefeller Ctr. M5, 6, 7, 31, 57	Wednesday, January 28, 2009 Westchester County Center, Rooms A - C 198 Central Ave, White Plains Directions: MNR to White Plains, then any of these Bee-Line buses: 1W, 5, 6, 13, 14, 15, 20, 40
Tuesday, January 20, 2009 Sheraton LaGuardia East Hotel, Phoenix Ballroom, 135-20 39th Av, Flushing, Queens Directions: 7 Train to Flushing-Main St: Q12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20A, 20B, 25, 26, 27, 28, 34, 44, 48, 58, 65, 66, QBx1, N20, 21; LIRR to Flushing-Main St	Wednesday, January 28, 2009 NY Marriott at the Brooklyn Bridge 333 Adams St, Brooklyn Directions: A Train C Train F Train to Jay St-Boro Hall, M Train R Train to Lawrence St, or 2 Train 3 Train 4 Train 5 Train to Boro Hall; B25, 26, 37, 38, 41, 45, 51, 52, 54, 57, 61, 65, 67, 75 or 103
Wednesday, January 21, 2009 The Garden City Hotel, The Grand Ballroom 45 Seventh St, Garden City Directions: LIRR to Garden City; LIRR to Mineola, then N40/41 (SB); LIRR to Freeport, then N40/41 (NB)	Monday, February 2, 2009 Palisades Center, Raso Community Room 1000 Palisades Center Drive, West Nyack Directions: MNR to Tarrytown, then Tappan ZExpress Bus to Palisades Center; Community Center is next to ice rink.
Monday, January 26, 2009 College of Staten Island, CSI Center for the Arts, Springer Concert Hall, 2800 Victory Blvd. Directions: X10 11; S62, 92, 53 (transfer to S62 or 92 at Victory Blvd and Clove Rd) or S93; shuttle Bus provided between CSI bus stop & concert hall	Wednesday February 4, 2009 Lehman College, CUNY, Lovinger Theatre 250 Bedford Park Blvd West, Bronx Directions: 4 Train to Bedford Park Blvd-Lehman College or B Train D Train to Bedford Park Blvd; Bx1, 2, 10, 22, 26, 28; BxM4A, 4B

- Registration to speak will be open until 9:00 p.m. on the dates of the hearings.
- Oral testimony is limited to 3 minutes per speaker.
- To register to speak in advance of the hearings, for more information, or to comment in writing contact Douglas Sussman, Director, MTA Community Affairs, 347 Madison Ave, NY, NY 10017, (212) 878-7483.
- All public hearing locations are accessible to the mobility impaired.
- Interpreter services will be available for the hearing impaired.