

Boston officials proposing \$15 fee if you drive into the City instead of using public transportation

Like to drive when you visit Boston? You might soon be faced with a \$15 fee when choosing to drive into the city rather than take public transportation. Boston City Councilor, Tania Fernandes Anderson is pitching the idea of “congestion pricing” for drivers heading into the city.

Congestion pricing is a fee placed on drivers intended to be a form of revenue for the city, reduce traffic, limit car crashes, increase public transit use, and improve air quality.

The Boston City Council most likely got the idea from New York City which is in the process of putting congestion pricing in place. This came with plenty of pushback including a lawsuit from Bergen County, New Jersey who will be directly affected by an influx in traffic due to this new fee.

Personally, I’m having a tough time seeing this actually become implemented in Boston. We all have been stuck in Boston traffic and thought “There is nothing worse!” Well, imagine being stuck in Boston traffic and then getting slapped in the face with a \$15 fee because you didn’t want to take the train?