

Should Williamsburg businesses subsidize transit costs during L train shutdown?

NYU's Rudin Center has proposed its own set of alternatives for the impending shutdown

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New York University is the latest to join the L train alternatives bandwagon. On Monday, the university's Rudin Center for Transportation Policy & Management released [a report](#) on ways to mitigate the effects of the 18-month closure of the Canarsie Tunnel starting in 2019 that will halt L train service between Manhattan and Brooklyn, *the Wall Street Journal* [reported](#).

So far we've heard everything from an [inflatable tunnel](#) across the East River, to a proposal for [the E train](#) to be extended past its current World Trade Center terminal and rerouted along the G line in Brooklyn. But NYU has something else up its sleeve. Mitchell Moss, the director of the Rudin Center told *the WSJ* that local businesses should provide incentives to customers like reducing costs for customers using a particular car service.

Surprisingly, NYU also got on board with the [aerial gondola idea](#) proposed by the East River Skyway. Some of the Rudin Center's other ideas were more grounded, like increasing the ferry service between Manhattan and Brooklyn and bolstering the existing bus service with dedicated lanes. The MTA told *the WSJ* that it was, in fact,

taking into consideration many of the proposals outlined by the Rudin Center.

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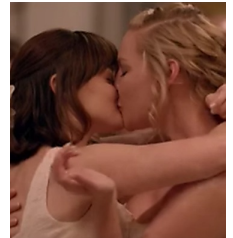
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