**Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?**

**Government should charge congestion tax an amount of fee pard for traveling on busy streets to reduce traffic kas during rush hours.**

利弊分析

Citizen convenience in transportation and time saving | reduce quality of life

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Emboldened by the rapid development of citizens’ living standards, a pervasive phenomenon occurs, in order to enjoy convenient life, most people attempt to buy private cars, causing the magnitude of congestion and deteriorating environment. Combating this worldwide entrenched problem, several ideas germinated and slowly grew into an obsession including charging congestion tax and mount of fee. To some extent, I believe the rationale behind this strategy is simple but reasonable since the consequence nowadays showed its paramount importance in improving quality of life.

Admittedly, there do exist some shortcomings as government intervenes through tariffs. Through establishing the congestion tax system, prices in transportation would therefore be lifted which means that people would extract extra money apart from fuel cost. Obviously, if the extra money is spent on education, travelling and medical treatment, people’s life could be elevated a high level. In addition, high tax on congestion will lead a negative discoursing among public, then society will be divided into two groups causing the society instability and the conflict between people. As far as I am concerned, for the long haul, the negative results are ephemeral, but the long-term effect can make a huge difference.

Nevertheless, the strategy would lead to further benefits since people were accustomed to the new policy. Although people would spend more money on transportation, in exchange, they would enjoy the light traffic which saves their time on the road. What’s more, an excellent transportation experience in the morning would bring people a delight moon, invigorating them to work efficiently. As more and more complains about the inclement environment, the implementation of congestion tax policy can solve this situation. For instance, people will try other means of transportation such as subways, buses, and bicycles instead of private cars, the major contributor in destroying environment, as the government advocates congestion tax.

As a matter of fact, government acts as a key role in the process, and the tax revenue from people holds great potential that government can unlock with appropriate methods. Since people are ignorant in this field, the fundamental reason causing traffic dam is the weak public transportation system. In order to settle the problem from the root, government should pay a large mount of money in public transportation construction. Therefore, the congestion tax revenue can not only mitigate the congestion, but also provide a resource for transportation construction. Take London as an example, London has charged billions of pounds in congestion tax over a decade. According to data provided to the London Press, billion pounds generated by the congestion charge goes directly to transportation investment, including improving bus network, repairing roads and bridges, constructing road safety facilities and local transport schemes. Therefore, implementing the congestion tax would ameliorate people’s living standards, mitigate the overwhelming traffic dam, and protect the environment potentially.

In a nutshell, imposing or charging a congestion tax might sound like a terrible idea that reduces people’s quality of life, in fact, would create issues that are beneficial for the society and the environment. Therefore, some countries in the world confronting such congestion problems, should take considerations of this congestion tax strategy.