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Governor Andrew Cuomo
Majority Leader John Flanagan
Speaker Carl Heastie

As you finalize the 2016-17 state budget, the New York Public Transit Association (NYPTA) thanks you for your support of the state's transit industry and requests that you include the following state funding actions to allow our transit systems to provide reliable service that supports local economic growth.

Transit Operating Assistance, 2016-17 Budget

- **Upstate:** Add \$15 million to Executive Budget level of state aid to provide a total of \$210.6 million.
- **Upstate:** Add an additional \$5 million to upstate formula transit systems to provide growth in funding and maintain services impacted by loss of Medicaid riders.
- **Downstate MTA:** Provide the Executive Budget level of funding.
- **Downstate Non-MTA:** Add \$5 million to Executive Budget level of state aid to provide a total of \$312.8 million to downstate non-MTA systems.

Transit Capital Aid, 2016-17 Budget – Add \$62.5 million to the Executive Budget level of transit capital funding for non-MTA transit systems.

Transit Capital Aid, 5-year Capital Program -- Add \$250 million over the next 4 years to the Governor's proposed \$295 million 5-year Non-MTA capital program to provide a total of \$545 million over the 5-year period. This will provide equitable state funding between the MTA and Non-MTA transit systems.

New York State benefits from the services provided by more than 100 public transit systems across the state. Transit services provide mobility in urban and rural areas that is critical to supporting the growth of our communities and supporting many state programs including economic development, job growth, anti-poverty, housing, energy conservation and environmental sustainability.

Like the MTA, upstate and downstate transit systems need capital investment to maintain infrastructure and replace old vehicles. Also like the MTA, these systems deserve a multiyear operating and capital funding plan.

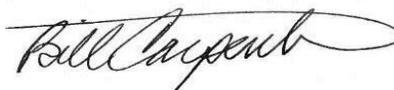
NYPTA members appreciate the funding and support we receive and ask for consideration of the capital and operating needs of systems throughout the state. Increased state investment will result in better service, more cost-effective delivery and creation of thousands of jobs for transit manufacturers and suppliers.

On behalf of NYPTA and all its members, I urge you to invest in a better network of transit systems that can contribute to the state's economic growth.

Sincerely,



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