

Preliminary Review of Governor's 2016-17 Executive Budget Proposal **Bob Zerrillo, Bob Reid and Padraic Bambrick**

On January 13, the Governor released his 2016-17 executive budget proposal. The proposal includes significant transportation infrastructure investment including increased investment in MTA and upstate transit systems. The proposed transit funding to upstate and suburban downstate transit systems begins to address some of NYPTA's funding recommendations, but not fully. The proposal also includes reference to a \$295 m. 5-year capital program for non-MTA transit systems, the details of which are still being researched.

Following is a quick summary of funding proposed in the Governor's budget and a funding table.

STOA:

- MTA: \$157 m. increase in MTA STOA funding from 2015-16 levels (3.5% increase).
- Other Downstate Transit: \$17.4 m. increase in STOA from 2015-16 levels (6.1% increase).
- Upstate Transit: \$5.0 m. increase in STOA from 2015-16 levels (2.6% increase).

Capital Funding:

- MTA: Commitment to fund \$8.3 billion over 5 years towards MTA Capital program.
- Other Downstate: No specified capital funding, 2015-16 capital funding to downstate systems is not continued.
- Upstate: \$15 m. capital appropriation (similar to 2015-16) and adds another \$5 m. in 2016-17, for a total of \$20 m. in upstate capital funding in 2016-17. The \$20 m. is described as a recurring capital commitment over 5 years.
- Retains language allowing upstate capital funds to be used to offset local match.
- \$5.0 m. in New York Works capital funding for non-MTA transit systems, similar to 2015-16.
- Continues \$18.5 m. state dedicated fund appropriation for 10% state match to federal capital projects and continues the \$18.5 m. state dedicated fund appropriation.

Other:

- Proposes \$295 m. 5-year capital program for non-MTA transit as part of \$22.1 billion 5-year DOT capital program.
- Discontinues \$20 m. transfer from downstate MMTOA to pay MTA debt service.
- Transfers state funding for non-MTA capital projects from the Dedicated Fund to general state debt. This frees up the Dedicated Fund to help fund the upstate operating aid increases.