NYPTA 2018-19 State Budget Recommendations

State Transit Operating Assistance

Executive Budget: Proposes a $2.0 m. STOA increase for Upstate systems, a $3 m. increase for Downstate Non-MTA systems and a $334 m. increase for MTA.

NYPTA Recommendation: Provide STOA increases of $20 m. for Upstate systems and $30 m. for Downstate Non-MTA systems above 2017-18 levels to transform transit service, support expanded mobility and economic growth. Provide $334 m. to MTA.

State Capital Aid

Executive Budget: Proposes $84.5 m in capital aid for Non-MTA systems.

NYPTA Recommendation: Provide $104.5 m. for Non-MTA systems, the same amount as 2017-18, to maintain investment levels and continue to revitalize transit infrastructure.

Long-Term Transit Funding/Congestion Pricing

Executive Proposal: Implement a NYC congestion pricing plan that funds the MTA.

NYPTA Recommendation: Include a long-term funding plan for all upstate and downstate transit systems as part of any action to fund the MTA.

Rural Transit Assistance

Executive Budget: The budget does not include special funding for rural transit systems impacted by the state’s Medicaid changes.

NYPTA Recommendation: Provide $5 m. in permanent state funding to small urban and rural transit systems to replace lost revenue from the state’s Medicaid changes.