NYPTA 2020-2021 STATE BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

STATE TRANSIT OPERATING ASSISTANCE (STOA)

2019-20 State Budget: 9.6% STOA increase for upstate systems; 7.2% increase for downstate systems.

2020-21 Executive Budget: 4.2% increase for upstate systems; 16.3% for suburban downstate.

NYPTA Recommendation: Increase Executive Budget STOA funding for upstate systems by $20 million (to $258 million), a 13% increase from 2019-20, to provide parity with the 2-year, 23% increase for downstate suburban systems.

TRANSIT CAPITAL FUNDING

2019-20 State Budget: $104.5 million in capital funding to non-MTA transit systems; enacted new revenue sources to fund MTA capital program.

2020-21 Executive Budget: $3 billion for MTA; $104.5 million for non-MTA; $6 million for NFTA rail study.

NYPTA Recommendations:
- MTA: Provide $3 billion to fund the MTA 2020-24 Capital Program with the additional $3 billion match from NYC referenced in the MTA Capital Plan and Governor’s 2020-21 budget proposal.
- Non-MTA: Provide an additional $200 million per year in capital aid (for a total of $304.5 million) to address the infrastructure funding gap and 5-year capital needs.

ELECTRIC BUSES

2020-21 Executive Budget: $20 million for electric buses as part of 5-year state commitment.

NYPTA Recommendation: In addition to the $20 million, earmark a portion of the $1.5 billion carbon free transportation initiative to fund extra transit infrastructure costs for electric buses.

RURAL TRANSIT ASSISTANCE

2019-20 State Budget: $4 million from DOH budget to support small urban and rural transit systems.

2020-21 Executive Budget: Medicaid budget cuts may impact funding to rural transit systems.

NYPTA Recommendation: Provide $5 million in state aid to small urban/rural transit systems.

LONG TERM TRANSIT FUNDING

2019-20 State Budget: New revenue sources for the MTA; an auto rental fee for upstate transit.

2020-21 Executive Budget: No new revenue sources for transit.

NYPTA Recommendation: Provide sustainable, multiyear revenue for STOA for all statewide transit.