Transit In New York
New York Public Transit Association

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NYPTA Membership

• Over 100 Transit Systems Statewide
• Local Governments (county and city run transit services)
• Corporate Members (transit manufacturers and suppliers)
• Affiliate Members (transit advocates and supporting organizations)
New York Transit Systems

• Regional Transportation Authorities – MTA, NFTA, RGRTA, CNYRTA, CDTA

• Upstate Small Urban Areas – Binghamton, Ithaca, Elmira, Glens Falls, Kingston, Watertown

• Upstate Rural Counties – 32 rural counties with transit service

• Downstate County Bus Systems – Nassau, Westchester, Suffolk, Rockland, Orange, Putnam, Dutchess
New York’s Transit System
Transit Rankings by Fleet Size

1. New York MTA
2. Chicago
3. New Jersey Transit
4. Los Angeles
5. San Francisco
6. Washington, DC
7. New York Upstate/Downstate Transit (over 3,000 transit vehicles)
8. Boston
9. Philadelphia
Major Transit Policy Issues

• Meeting demands to expand service to support economic and community growth
• Growing transit operating aid for existing services
• Improving the funding structure for upstate transit
• Infrastructure investment and predictable capital funding
• Sustaining rural transit services as result of state Medicaid changes
Why Invest in Transit

- Businesses and public are demanding more transit service, greater frequencies and access to more destinations.
- Travelers want more travel options, technology and easier use.
- Communities want improved livability, revitalized downtowns and smart development to attract high-tech business and retain millennials.
- Transit enhances the success of government programs for economic development, job creation, reducing poverty, affordable housing, smart growth, clean energy and environmental protection.
- Transit provides mobility for seniors, those with low incomes and person with disabilities.
- Strong public transit is the backbone for success!
- All communities throughout New York State deserve sustainable transit service.
Transit Funding – What’s Next?

**MTA**
- Recommendations from Metropolitan Transportation Sustainability Advisory Workgroup?
- Congestion Pricing in NYC?
- Other State Funding Actions?

**Upstate/Suburban Transit**
- Address Upstate Funding Structural Problem?
- Balance with Funding Action on MTA?
Statewide Transit Action Plan

Invest in MTA, Suburban and Upstate Transit Systems

• Increase funding to MTA through Congestion Pricing and other dedicated funding sources.
  • Major increase to address long-term capital and operating needs

• Increase state operating aid to Upstate and Non-MTA Downstate transit systems by 50% over 5 years.
  • Provide 10% increase in 2019-20

• Continue state capital funding to Non-MTA systems at $104.5 million.

• Provide $5 million permanent state aid to small urban and rural transit systems impacted by state Medicaid changes.

We are one state.
All communities deserve adequate transit investment so that no area is left behind.
What will the Action Plan Deliver?

- More frequent and reliable transit service to more destinations
- Increased night and weekend service to meet changing work times
- Greater geographic coverage
- Access to real-time schedule information, WiFi, mobile fare payment and trip planning apps
- New mobility options and partnerships with other travel services
- Introduction of electric vehicles into transit fleets
- Bus Rapid Transit in selected corridors
- Improved infrastructure conditions
New Yorkers for Better Public Transit

• New statewide coalition to support increased investment in transit throughout New York State

• Members: Transit riders, citizens, businesses, labor, health care, education, transit advocacy groups

• Goal: Work together to secure adequate transit funding for ALL transit systems

• Website: petition, sample letters, toolkit

• WWW.NY4BETTERTRANSIT.COM