

NYPTA 2022-23 Budget Talking Points

- NYPTA thanks Governor Hochul for her strong commitment to public transit, by including significant increases in operating and capital funding for all systems across the state in her 2022-23 Executive Budget.
- When we started our advocacy efforts back in the fall, we asked for an increase in statewide resources to support all transit systems including a 36% increase in funding for upstate and suburban downstate (non-MTA) systems.
- What the governor proposed is a 24% increase in state operating aid for the MTA and a 36% increase for the other downstate transit systems, which will help address structural deficits and provide more transit service to downstate communities. The governor proposed a 13% increase for upstate systems.
- Transit riders in upstate urban and rural communities need and deserve the same level of state commitment to transit service as downstate so they have the same opportunities for mobility, access, and economic growth.
- The addition of \$49 million to the executive budget level of operating aid for upstate transit systems will give upstate and downstate the same level of funding so they can grow their systems.
- We support the transit capital funding proposed in the executive budget and recommend that it be included in the final budget.
- Robust transit service and the connections it provides are a catalyst for a strong economy, a cleaner environment, improved equity, and more vibrant communities.
- We urge the Legislature to build on the Governor's strong transit funding proposals in the final state budget.