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New York Public Transit Association Applauds Governor Hochul's Commitment to Improving Public Transit Across New York State

ALBANY, NY (January 10, 2023) The New York Public Transit Association (NYPTA) applauded Governor Kathy Hochul on her commitment to improving public transit, as she shared in her State of the State address today.

"As transit ridership rebounds across the state, the need for more and better mobility is evident across our communities. We are encouraged that Governor Hochul is taking notice and making access a priority." said Carm Basile, **NYPTA Legislative Chair and CEO of the Capital District Transportation Authority**. "We thank the Governor for her strong commitment to solve the MTA's fiscal challenges, which are also felt by transit systems throughout the state. We ask that a comprehensive statewide dedicated funding solution be developed and included in the next New York State budget."

In her State of the State address today, Governor Hochul continued to show her strong support for New York's public transit systems by highlighting several initiatives recognizing the need for more and better mobility across the state. These include initiatives to support the MTA and a \$10 million "Innovative Mobility Initiative" for Upstate and Downstate Suburban transit systems other than the MTA.

In her State of the State address today Governor Hochul continued to show her strong support for the public transit system by highlighting several initiatives recognizing the need for more and better mobility across our communities. NYPTA strongly supports the Governor's initiatives to support the MTA and all transit authorities throughout the state, said **Brian Schultz, Vice of President of NYPTA and CEO of Central New York**



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Regional Transportation Authority. NYPTA looks forward to increased support for transit operating and capital assistance in this year Executive Budget.”

The transit industry learned many lessons during the pandemic. One of the biggest was the value that public transit provides to all New Yorkers. With ridership coming back and statewide initiatives related to climate change, affordable housing, economic development, and equity driving demand, communities need more public transit service and mobility options. Sustainable dedicated revenue for public transportation can make this happen.

NYPTA looks forward to working with Governor Hochul and the Legislature to ensure an approach that increases funding for all of New York’s transit systems and creates a long-term, sustainable solution to keep our communities moving forward.

The implementation of these plans will require fully funding transit operating and capital appropriation requests as part of the 2023-24 Executive Budget and the Final State Budget in the coming year.

NYPTA has requested the following in appropriations for FY 2023-24:

- Increase existing dedicated revenues or identify new dedicated revenues for MTA to address recurring \$3 billion deficits. Immediate need for FY 2023-24 is approximately \$600 million.
- Increase existing dedicated revenues or identify new dedicated revenues to address structural deficits. Immediate need for FY 2023-24 to grow STOA funding by:
 - \$134 million for Upstate systems
 - \$110 million for Downstate Non- MTA systems
- Fully fund the 2nd year of the non-MTA 5-Year Transit Capital Program at \$159.5 million.
- Continue the \$4 million in DOH funding to rural transit impacted by the state’s Medicaid transportation changes.
- Release the \$60 million in currently available Non-MTA capital appropriations for electric vehicles and infrastructure to allow capital projects to go forward.

The New York Public Transit Association (NYPTA) is a professional trade association that advocates for public transit systems across New York State, from the nation’s largest to small rural systems. Created in 1983, NYPTA represents over 100 public transit systems across the state and scores of transit industry manufacturers and suppliers.

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