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New York Public Transit Association Applauds Approval of New York State Climate Action Scoping Plan

Albany, NY: The New York Public Transit Association (NYPTA) applauded the approval of the New York State Climate Action Scoping Plan today by the state's Climate Action Council.

"The New York Public Transit Association applauds today's approval of the New York State Climate Action Scoping Plan by the State's Climate Action Council," said **NYPTA President and Rochester Genesee Regional Transportation Authority CEO Bill Carpenter**. "We thank council co-chairs Basil Seggos, Commissioner of Environmental Conservation, and Doreen Harris, President and CEO of the New York State Energy, Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), as well as Marie Therese Dominguez, Transportation Advisory Committee Co-Chair and Commissioner of the New York State Department of Transportation for their leadership on this critical plan. Public transit systems from Buffalo to the NY Metro area appreciate the report's recognition of the importance of enhancing public transportation and mobility as one of the more impactful supply strategies for achieving the Climate Act's goals. The Climate Action Council has made clear that we can't cut our carbon footprint without investing in expanded public transit service and mobility."

NYPTA urges Governor Hochul and the State Legislature to begin implementing these climate plans by 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:



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- 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.
- Continue the STOA program hold-harmless provision to avoid reductions in operating aid to smaller transit systems as ridership has not returned to pre-pandemic levels.

NYPTA represents over 100 public transit systems across the state and scores of transit industry manufacturers and suppliers.

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