



March 20, 2023

The Honorable Kathy Hochul
Governor of New York
State Capital
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Hochul,

Thank you for your continued support for the state's public transit systems. We strongly support robust, dedicated, sustainable funding for all transit systems in the state.

Your recommendation for dedicated, sustainable funding for the MTA, if approved in the final budget, will help address their fiscal issues for years to come. Unfortunately, all transit systems across the state face similar structural deficits as the MTA, and would greatly benefit from additional dedicated revenues, especially upstate, where existing transit funding sources are flat.

As you finalize the state budget, we urge you to increase funding for public transit and enact stable, dedicated, sustainable revenue, so that we can provide the expanded mobility options that communities throughout New York need and deserve.

We urge you to include the following recommendations in the final state budget:

- **Provide the largest possible increase in state operating aid to all upstate and downstate non-MTA transit systems, but no less than 20%.**
- **Provide dedicated, sustainable revenues to fund all transit systems across the state; provide MTA with adequate dedicated revenues not subject to appropriation.**
- **Appropriate \$239.5 million in capital funding for non-MTA systems.**
- **Provide \$10 million in FY 2023-24 as the first year of an on-demand pilot program.**
- **Continue \$4 million in state aid from the DOH budget to rural transit systems impacted by the state's Medicaid transportation policy.**

With this funding, transit agencies can provide services across the state that support your goals for addressing climate change, affordable housing, social equity, and economic development.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Carpenter".

Bill Carpenter, President
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