

## **New Yorkers for Better Public Transit Talking Points Document - Updated December 2022**

### **WHO WE ARE:**

- New Yorkers for Better Public Transit is a coalition of people from all corners of the state, representing a variety of interests, who want to see greater investment in New York's public transit systems so they can provide more and better service.

### **WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO DO:**

- Our goal is to work together as a coalition, and with our elected leaders in Albany, to secure increased levels of funding for transit systems throughout the state.
- Robust transit service and the connections it provides are a catalyst for a strong economy, a cleaner environment, improved equity, and more vibrant communities.

### **TRANSIT PROVIDES MOBILITY OPTIONS THAT MOVES THE ECONOMY:**

- Public transportation is essential to economic recovery and growth, keeping riders and communities safe, and essential workers serving the public.
- Robust, well-funded public transit systems will provide better access and frequency, more mobility options, and innovative technologies to make it easier for New Yorkers to safely reach the essential destinations in their lives.
- Transit agencies are making transit easier to use by providing new and innovative technologies like real-time schedule information, smart card fare payment, mobile and account-based ticketing, and on-board Wi-Fi.
- Greater investment in new and emerging mobility options such as bike- and scooter-sharing, van pooling, and on-demand services help transit systems promote equity by improving access to more destinations for more people.
- Capital funding is vital to replacing over-age vehicles, improving infrastructure, and ensuring safety. New funds are needed to support the transition to zero-emission vehicles to meet climate change and energy goals. Investment in transit creates jobs and stimulates the economy.
- Transit funding is needed statewide so that no area, including my community, is left behind, and that all communities can grow and prosper.

### **WHY IT MATTERS:**

- Public transit is a critical component of my community's infrastructure, is essential for mobility, and a driver of economic recovery and growth.
- Transit is how people connect to jobs, health care, shopping, education, job training, recreational activities, and the entire community.
- Transit services are being reimagined, which means there is a commitment to innovate and grow to deliver high-quality mobility services.
- Robust transit service supports growth in the economy, addresses climate change, improves social equity, and moves people from poverty to prosperity. Greater investment in transit is a greater investment in New York's efforts to address these critical issues.
- Without increased funding, our state's transit services will shrink, and thousands of New Yorkers will be left at the curb.