



March 31, 2023

To: Governor Hochul, Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins, Speaker Heastie

Subject: **Dedicated Revenue for All Transit Systems**

As you finalize the FY 2023-24 state budget, the New York Public Transit Association (NYPTA) urges you to include robust, dedicated, sustainable revenues to support all transit systems and communities across New York State.

All transit systems across New York State face structural deficits - the growing gap between flat operating revenues and the rising expense to provide services in demand by customers and communities. Robust, dedicated, sustainable revenues are needed now to fund this growing gap and allow transit systems to provide the mobility services that support the state's goals for climate change, affordable housing, social equity and economic development. Continued reliance on state general funds places transit funding at annual risk and impedes implementation of new services.

The FY 2023-24 state budgets proposed by the Executive, Senate, and Assembly all recognize the need to increase transit funding and have proposed several taxes and fees to provide new dedicated revenues to help fund transit operations. Revenue sources proposed, including the payroll mobility tax, corporate income tax, digital services tax, package delivery fees and fees on Transportation Network Companies, are among the many options that can help provide the necessary dedicated resources.

The final state budget must include robust, dedicated revenue to the MTA and to all other upstate and downstate transit systems that will provide sustainable resources that ensure the future financial viability of all public transit services.

cc: Members of the State Legislature

