



March 21, 2025

Honorable Kathy Hochul  
Governor of NYS  
State Capitol  
Executive Chamber  
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Hochul,

The New York Public Transit Association (NYPTA), which represents more than 100 transit systems, including the MTA, along with manufacturers and suppliers throughout New York State, urges you to include dedicated revenues (detailed below) for upstate public transit systems in your efforts to address funding the MTA Capital Plan as part of the SFY25-26 State Budget.

NYPTA, its members and customers, appreciate the funding proposed by you and the Legislature for public transit in the pending FY 2025-26 state budget. We support full funding of MTA's 2025-2029 \$65.4 billion Capital Program that will improve the infrastructure that is essential to safe and reliable service for the MTA's millions of daily customers.

There are significant transit services in upstate New York, and improving their services also requires strong support and additional state investment. Addressing the MTA's financial needs presents a unique opportunity to address transit financial needs statewide. Doing this will ensure that all our systems continue to connect people, communities and economies.

As you develop the financial resources to support the MTA Capital Program, we urge you to provide additional dedicated revenues to upstate transit by expanding the downstate supplemental motor vehicle registration fee to upstate counties, beginning with a \$10 annual fee in the FY 2025-26 state budget. This funding will help upstate transit systems to meet the demand for services across their communities.

Thank you for your support. NYPTA members are ready to work with you to find the resources to support statewide investment in transit services.

Sincerely,

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