

A BUDGET FOR SUBWAY AND BUS RIDERS: WE WON CONGESTION PRICING AND MORE!

Riders needed to win state funding to fix the subway. We won much of what we needed, including a historic congestion pricing program. With other taxes, this budget will raise over \$1 billion per year and allow the MTA to finance \$25 billion in crucial upgrades. The budget also reforms the MTA to promote efficiency, transparency, and accountability.

The Governor and Legislature Passed a Comprehensive Transit Funding Plan

- Congestion Pricing aka Central Business District Tolling (60% of the total plan)
- Mansion Tax on Property Sales Over \$2 Million (20% of the total plan)
- Internet Sales Tax on Purchases from Amazon, Etsy, etc. (20% of the total plan)

Congestion Pricing Will Start in 2021 and Raise \$15 Billion for MTA Upgrades

- Congestion pricing will fairly charge drivers, who are wealthier than transit riders and have other options, and ease traffic while reducing air pollution and dangerous collisions
- Beginning in 2021, cars and trucks will pay a toll to drive in Manhattan south of 60th Street and between the FDR Drive and West Side Highway
- Exemptions will cover emergency vehicles, people with disabilities and low-income drivers who live inside the congestion zone
- Further decisions about the exemptions and possible credits against other tolls will be made by the MTA on the recommendation of a new Traffic Mobility Review Board
- Per the budget, congestion pricing must raise \$15 billion, or roughly \$1 billion each year

The MTA's Initiatives and Increased State Funding are Already Delivering for Riders

- Speeding up subway service and reducing the number of train delays
- Redesigning bus networks in the Bronx and Queens to provide better service
- Reversing some recent and planned cuts in bus service
- Offering riders 20% discounts on LIRR fares from areas of Queens without subway service

This year's historic budget is the biggest victory yet in the Riders Alliance's effort to hold our elected officials accountable for improving public transit.

Now, our challenge is to make sure state leaders deliver on their commitments and keep winning better subway and bus service. Become a member of the Riders Alliance at ridersny.org.

