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Statement on Behalf of Public Transit Systems Regarding Enacted FY 2026-27 New York State Budget

The following statement can be attributed to Miguel Velázquez, President of the New York Public Transit Association:

“NYPTA greatly appreciates the efforts of Governor Hochul, Senate Majority Leaders Stewart Cousins and Speaker Heastie in supporting public transit in the SFY Final State Budget. We cannot underestimate the work of Senator Jeremy Cooney and Assemblyperson Bill Magnarelli in their support for both operating and capital resources for our transit systems.

“We appreciate that lawmakers in Albany recognized the critical importance of public transit in this year’s budget-

“While this did not meet the statewide need of 15% this year, we look forward to continuing to work with state leaders to build on this progress and ensure transit systems across New York have the resources they need to maintain, improve and meet growing demand to support riders, workers, and local economies.”

“Public transit is the backbone of daily life for many New Yorkers across the state, including upstate – delivering affordable transportation at a moment when it has never been more critical. And just as New Yorkers are feeling the strain of rising costs, so too are the systems they depend on every day.

“We applaud this progress but recognize there is still much more work ahead. We thank Senator Cooney and Assemblymember Magnarelli for their unwavering support, and we look forward to continuing to work with all members of the Legislature and Governor Hochul to ensure New York’s public transit systems can meet modern demands and are equipped to adapt to the everchanging world around us.”

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