

## Metropolitan Transportation Authority

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### Mission

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) is responsible for operating, maintaining, and improving public transportation in the Metropolitan Commuter Transportation District (MCTD), comprising New York City and the counties of Dutchess, Nassau, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Suffolk, and Westchester. The Authority oversees the operations of the New York City bus and subway systems, the regional commuter railroads, seven bridges, and two tunnels located in New York City. This oversight includes development and financing of the operating and capital programs.

### Organization and Staffing

The MTA is governed by a 17-member Board, appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. Six members are nominated by the Governor, four by the Mayor of New York, and seven by the other counties in the District. The Board membership casts 14 votes, as four members (representing Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, and Rockland counties) receive one collective vote.

The MTA in CY 2020 will oversee more than 75,000 employees and an annual operating budget of over \$17 billion. In addition to MTA Headquarters, there are six operating agencies: New York City Transit; MTA Bus Company; Metro-North Railroad; Long Island Rail Road; MTA Bridges and Tunnels; and MTA Capital Construction.

### Budget Highlights

Within the Department of Transportation budget, the Executive Budget recommends \$6.2 billion in transit operating aid to the MTA. This represents an increase of \$725 million (13 percent) from last year. Of this amount, \$3.4 billion is appropriated aid, including \$150 million for leveling the playing field between brick and mortar and online retailers enacted in FY 2020 that will be used to support the MTA 2020-24 Capital Program, and \$2.8 billion that will be provided directly to the MTA without appropriation. Of the \$2.8 billion, approximately \$1.65 billion is from the Payroll Mobility Tax (PMT), \$435 million is from the For-Hire Vehicle Congestion Surcharge, \$318 million is from MTA Aid Trust revenues, and \$376 million is from the progressive tax on high-end real estate sales (enacted in FY 2020, and to be used to support the MTA 2020-24 Capital Program).

The Executive Budget includes a capital appropriation authorizing an additional \$3 billion contribution to the MTA's recently-approved \$51.5 billion 2020-2024 Capital Plan. This is in addition to the \$25 billion to be raised directly by the MTA from revenues from the Central Business District Tolling Program, progressive tax on high-end real estate sales and from leveling the playing field between brick and mortar and online retailers enacted in the FY 2020 Budget.

The Executive Budget continues the Governor's multi-year, historic commitment of \$8.6 billion in State resources toward funding the MTA's \$30.3 billion 2015-2019 Capital Plan.

The Executive Budget also includes over \$1 billion of contingent appropriations for the MTA. These appropriations, from the Dedicated Mass Transportation Trust Fund and the MTA Financial Assistance Fund, are used to ensure continuation of aid payments to the MTA in the event of a temporary lack of new appropriations due to a late budget for the subsequent State fiscal year.

For more information on this agency's budget recommendations located in the Executive Budget Briefing Book, click on the following link:

### Program Highlights

**New York City Transit and the MTA Bus Company:** The 2020 MTA Budget includes approximately 55,000 personnel, who are collectively responsible for providing safe, reliable, and efficient subway service; for operating the Staten Island Railway; and for providing bus service throughout the City of New York. Ridership is expected to be almost 2.4 billion trips this year.

**Metro North Railroad and the Long Island Rail Road:** Employ approximately 15,000 personnel, who provide commuter rail service to the northern regions, ranging from Manhattan and the Bronx through the northern suburbs and Connecticut, and the eastern regions, ranging from Manhattan, Brooklyn, and Queens through Nassau and Suffolk counties. These facilities will provide 179 million rides this year.

**MTA Bridges & Tunnels:** With a staff of approximately 1,500 dedicated workers, facilitates road transportation by connecting the boroughs of New York City through seven bridges and two tunnels. Over 330 million vehicle crossings are expected to occur this year. Bridges & Tunnels recently moved to Open Road Tolling, which has successfully relieved congestion – increasing travel times and improving the environment.

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**MTA Capital Construction:** With roughly 160 employees, delivers new and improved capital facilities for the MTA’s customer base. These projects include East Side Access, Penn Access, Moynihan Station, the Second Avenue Subway, LIRR Expansion (Third Track), and various other system improvements.

Additionally, approximately 3,600 staff based at MTA Headquarters perform such duties as information technology, public safety, financial management, legal representation, and human resource administration.

As part of the MTA’s transformation plan, all of these employees will be working together seamlessly to operate, maintain, and construct a better MTA for the future of the millions of riders who rely on MTA service every day.

**ALL FUNDS  
APPROPRIATIONS  
(dollars)**

Category	Available FY 2020	Appropriations Recommended FY 2021	Change From FY 2020	Reappropriations Recommended FY 2021
Aid To Localities	969,943,000	928,662,000	(41,281,000)	0
Capital Projects	1,567,200,000	3,000,000,000	1,432,800,000	7,857,856,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,537,143,000</b>	<b>3,928,662,000</b>	<b>1,391,519,000</b>	<b>7,857,856,000</b>

**AID TO LOCALITIES  
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE  
APPROPRIATIONS  
(dollars)**

Fund Type	Available FY 2020	Recommended FY 2021	Change
Special Revenue Funds - Other	969,943,000	928,662,000	(41,281,000)
<b>Total</b>	<b>969,943,000</b>	<b>928,662,000</b>	<b>(41,281,000)</b>

**AID TO LOCALITIES  
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM  
APPROPRIATIONS  
(dollars)**

Program	Available FY 2020	Recommended FY 2021	Change
Dedicated Mass Transportation Trust Fund Program			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	725,693,000	653,412,000	(72,281,000)
Metropolitan Transportation Authority Support Program			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	244,250,000	275,250,000	31,000,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>969,943,000</b>	<b>928,662,000</b>	<b>(41,281,000)</b>

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**CAPITAL PROJECTS**  
**ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM**  
**APPROPRIATIONS**  
 (dollars)

Comprehensive Construction Program	Available FY 2020	Recommended FY 2021	Change	Reappropriations FY 2021
Mass Transportation and Rail Freight				
Metropolitan Transportation Authority				
Capital Projects Fund - Advances	0	0	0	36,000,000
Capital Projects Fund - Authority Bonds	1,567,200,000	3,000,000,000	1,432,800,000	7,436,000,000
Urban and Commuter Mass Transportation Bondable				
Cap Proj Fund - Rebuild Renew NY 2005 (Bondable)	0	0	0	385,856,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,567,200,000</b>	<b>3,000,000,000</b>	<b>1,432,800,000</b>	<b>7,857,856,000</b>

Note: Most recent estimates as of 01/29/2020