

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

MISSION

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority is responsible for operating, maintaining and improving public transportation in the Metropolitan Commuter Transportation District consisting of New York City and Dutchess, Nassau, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Suffolk and Westchester counties.

The Authority oversees the operations of the bus and subway systems in New York City, commuter railroads in the region, and seven bridges and two tunnels in New York City. This oversight includes general policy direction and development of operating and capital programs.

The Authority is composed of three independent authorities: the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, the New York City Transit Authority and the Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority. The Metropolitan Transportation Authority has four statutory subsidiaries: Staten Island Rapid Transit Operating Authority, Long Island Rail Road, Metropolitan Suburban Bus Authority and Metro-North Commuter Railroad. The Transit Authority, which operates the New York City subway and bus systems, has one subsidiary, the Manhattan and Bronx Surface Transit Operating Authority.

ORGANIZATION AND STAFFING

Each of the three independent authorities is governed by its own Board, although by law membership on each Board is identical. There are 19 board members, 17 voting and 2 non-voting, each nominated by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. Four members are nominated from a list provided by the Mayor of the City of New York and one each from lists prepared by the seven county executives in the Metropolitan Commuter Transportation District. The remaining six voting members are appointed directly by the Governor, with one serving as Board Chair.

FISCAL BACKGROUND AND BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The appropriation below represents only a portion of the more than \$1 billion subsidy provided by the State to the Metropolitan Transportation Authority each year, with the additional aid appropriated in the Department of Transportation's Aid to Localities budget.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT AUTHORITY AND COMMUTER RAILROADS

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority provides 24 hour-a-day transit and commuter services in the New York City metropolitan region. Its subway system is the largest in the nation and one of the largest in the world. The New York City Transit Authority operates approximately 230 local and express bus routes throughout New York City. Complementing this service are additional bus routes in Nassau County provided by the Metropolitan Suburban Bus Authority. More than one billion passengers ride the subways and buses each year. Long Island Rail Road and Metro-North Commuter Railroad, the largest two commuter rail systems in the nation, provide transportation for travelers entering New York City from outlying suburban areas in New York State and Connecticut.

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TRIBOROUGH BRIDGE AND TUNNEL AUTHORITY

The Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority, the largest toll authority in the Nation, operates nine intra-city bridges and tunnels in New York City: Triborough Bridge, Bronx-Whitestone Bridge, Henry Hudson Bridge, Marine Parkway-Gil Hodges Bridge, Cross Bay Veterans' Memorial Bridge, Throgs Neck Bridge, Verrazano-Narrows Bridge, Queens-Midtown Tunnel and Brooklyn Battery Tunnel. It also provides financing for the Transit Authority and commuter railroads' capital programs. In addition, the Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority is required by law to transfer surplus revenues to the New York City Transit Authority and the commuter railroads to support their operations.

OTHER SUBSIDIARIES

The other subsidiaries — Staten Island Rapid Transit Operating Authority, Metropolitan Suburban Bus Authority, and Manhattan and Bronx Surface Transit Operating Authority — provide regional transportation services. Staten Island Rapid Transit operates transit services on Staten Island. The Manhattan and Bronx Surface Transit Operating Authority, in conjunction with the New York City Transit Authority, provides bus service within New York City, primarily to passengers traveling within a particular borough or as feeder service to the subway.

The Metropolitan Suburban Bus Authority (also known as MTA Long Island Bus) provides bus service to Nassau County, western Suffolk County and eastern Queens County, connecting these areas to the New York City Transit Authority subway stations. The Metropolitan Transportation Authority is responsible for the operation and general oversight of Long Island Bus. Nassau County is financially responsible for Long Island Bus' operating costs that are over and above those supported by fares and by Federal and State assistance.

ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS

<u>Category</u>	<u>Available 1998-99</u>	<u>Appropriations Recommended 1999-00</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Reappropriations Recommended 1999-00</u>
State Operations
Aid To Localities	\$248,600,000	\$253,400,000	+ \$4,800,000
Capital Projects	\$36,000,000
Total	<u>\$248,600,000</u>	<u>\$253,400,000</u>	<u>+ \$4,800,000</u>	<u>\$36,000,000</u>

AID TO LOCALITIES ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE APPROPRIATIONS

<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Available 1998-99</u>	<u>Recommended 1999-00</u>	<u>Change</u>
Special Revenue Funds — Other	\$248,600,000	\$253,400,000	+ \$4,800,000
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<u>Program</u>	<u>Available 1998-99</u>	<u>Recommended 1999-00</u>	<u>Change</u>
Dedicated Tax			
Special Revenue Funds — Other	\$248,600,000	\$253,400,000	+ \$4,800,000
Total	<u>\$248,600,000</u>	<u>\$253,400,000</u>	<u>+ \$4,800,000</u>

CAPITAL PROJECTS ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS

<u>Comprehensive Construction Programs</u>	<u>Available 1998-99</u>	<u>Recommended 1999-00</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Reappropriations 1999-00</u>
Metropolitan Transportation Authority				
Capital Projects Fund - Advances	\$36,000,000
Total	<u>.</u>	<u>.</u>	<u>.</u>	<u>\$36,000,000</u>