



## Metropolitan Transportation Authority

State of New York

May 7, 2015

The Honorable Ydanis Rodriguez  
Chairman  
NYC Council, Committee on Transportation  
City Hall  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Chairman Rodriguez:

I understand the City Council Transportation Committee held a hearing Monday, May 4 on Council Resolution 652, which calls on the United States Congress to pass, and the President to sign, the GROW AMERICA Act. I am writing to offer the MTA's perspective.

Federal transportation funding is critically important to the MTA, and Congress must act now to pass a long-term authorization that provides more robust funding for public transportation. Each year, the MTA receives over \$1 billion in formula funding from the Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) to help us maintain a state of good repair and ensure normal replacement of core infrastructure, such as signals, pumps, substations, line structures, and rolling stock. These investments are the backbone to providing safe, reliable service, which in turn supports the region's and State's economy.

In addition to annual allocations of formula funding, the FTA has provided \$1.3 billion for the first phase of the Second Avenue Subway, \$2.6 billion for East Side Access, and \$5.4 billion for our recovery from Superstorm Sandy.

With subway ridership at its highest level in 65 years, it is more important than ever that we move aggressively to address our state of good repair and expansion needs. The Federal government is a critical funding partner in these efforts, and congressional action is needed to ensure that the flow of federal funds is not interrupted and that funding levels are increased from those provided by the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21).

MAP-21 expires May 31, 2015, and the MTA is calling for a six-year, \$487 billion reauthorization to provide stable funding and support our efforts to renew, enhance, and expand the MTA network. We are actively engaged with our congressional delegation to advance a long-term transportation bill so we can continue to improve service and support the regional economy.

*The agencies of the MTA*

MTA New York City Transit  
MTA Long Island Rail Road

MTA Metro-North Railroad  
MTA Bridges and Tunnels

MTA Capital Construction  
MTA Bus Company

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We appreciate the City Council's attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

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Thomas F. Prendergast  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

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