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Resolution calling upon the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) to purchase more subway cars and buses for use by New York City Transit (NYCT) than now planned to improve service, increase reliability and reduce crowding.

By Council Members Miller, Nelson, Espada, Freed, Koslowitz, Marshall, Moskowitz, Quinn, Reed and Oddo; also Council Members Harrison, McCaffrey, Michels, O'Donovan, Povman, Rivera and Sabini.

Whereas, While subway ridership has increased 14% in the last three years, subway service has increased by only 4% in the same period; and

Whereas, Bus ridership is up 36% since 1997, while MTA NYCT has increased service by only 9% during the same period; and

Whereas, MTA NYCT statistics show that the inability to meet ridership demands has resulted in further overcrowding and irregular service; and

Whereas, According to MTA NYCT officials, a major constraint in adding service is the number of available subway cars and buses; and

Whereas, The planned purchase of 1,130 subway cars and 1,056 buses by 2004 is far less than the number recommended by experts, including the Empire State Transportation Alliance, and its member groups, the Regional Plan Association and the NYPIRG Straphangers Campaign; and

Whereas, Satisfactory service increases can only be secured through the purchase of approximately 500 subway cars and 1000 alternative fuel buses above those already intended for purchase by MTA NYCT; and

Whereas, The five year capital plan issued by the MTA for 2000-2004 calls for only a modest increase of 2% in transit service; now, therefore be it

Resolved, that the New York City Council calls upon the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) to purchase more subway cars and buses for use by New York City Transit (NYCT) than now planned to improve service, increase reliability and reduce crowding.

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