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Res. No. 22

Resolution calling upon the Metropolitan Transportation Authority to allow seniors and disabled persons to receive fare discounts on express buses during rush hours, between the hours of 6 am to 10 am and between 3 pm and 7 pm on Monday through Friday.

By Council Members Rose, Gentile, Richards, Johnson, Vacca, Deutsch, Ferreras-Copeland and Ulrich.

Whereas, Currently eligible seniors, those 65 and older, and disabled persons can ride the local bus and subway for the half-price fare any time of the day; and

Whereas, However, seniors and people with disabilities are not eligible for the half-price fare on express bus service during rush hours; and

Whereas, With recent changes to cut door-to-door service and to increase Access-A-Ride's feeder service to and from fixed routes, it is crucial that seniors and people with disabilities have access to alternative forms of transportation; and

Whereas, Many seniors and people with disabilities live on a fixed income; and

Whereas, MTA fares have increased three times since 2009 and biannual fare increases are scheduled to continue; and

Whereas, The lack of rush hour discounted fares discourages some seniors and people with disabilities from being more active; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon the Metropolitan Transportation Authority to allow seniors and disabled persons to receive fare discounts on express buses during rush hours, between the hours of 6 am to 10 am and between 3 pm and 7 pm on Monday through Friday.

JM
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