NYPIRG STRAPHANGERS CAMPAIGN STATEMENT ON GOVERNOR HOCHUL’S DECISION TO DELAY CONGESTION PRICING START

The Governor makes a bad decision on Congestion Pricing delay

(N.Y., N.Y.) Today, Governor Hochul announced that she has directed the MTA to indefinitely delay implementation of Congestion Pricing, which was scheduled to start June 30.

The following statement is attributable to Natasha Elder, NYC Regional Director for NYPIRG:

“Governor Hochul's decision to delay implementation of Congestion Pricing tells subway and bus riders they don't rank. Congestion Pricing was passed by the Legislature in 2019 after a years-long campaign, good faith advocacy, policy review, and negotiations, followed by a multi-year review and public engagement process. As long-time supporters of the law, the NYPIRG Straphangers Campaign is stunned that Governor Hochul has delayed implementation just a couple weeks before its start.

MTA's desperately needed infrastructure upgrades that Congestion Pricing revenue would fund are now on the chopping block. New Yorkers must now brace for a summer of streets choked by congestion and tailpipe pollution, when increased bus and subway service and cleaner air could have been our reality.”

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