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NYPIRG STATEMENT ON MAYOR MAMDANI'S EXECUTIVE BUDGET

(New York, N.Y.) Today, Mayor Zohran Mamdani released the City’s Executive Budget, outlining the administration’s spending priorities for the upcoming fiscal year. While the proposal includes continued investments in public transportation and street infrastructure, advocates raised concerns over the lack of an expansion to the Fair Fares program despite rising transit costs and ongoing affordability challenges facing New Yorkers.

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

“New Yorkers continue to struggle with rising transit costs and unreliable service while millions rely on public transportation every day to get to work, school, medical appointments, and other essential destinations.

While continued investment in public transportation infrastructure and service improvements remains critical, this executive budget misses an important opportunity to expand Fair Fares to more low-income New Yorkers at a time when affordability remains a growing concern.

Riders need a transit system that is both reliable and affordable. NYPIRG will continue advocating for faster buses, stronger subway service, and expanded transit affordability programs that ensure public transportation remains accessible for all New Yorkers in the final budget.”