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NYPIRG STATEMENT ON NEW YORK CITY'S JOINT BUS ACTION PLAN

(New York, N.Y.) Today, Mayor Mamdani, Governor Hochul, NYC DOT, and the MTA released the “Next Stop: Fast Buses, Better Service” Bus Action Plan, which commits to expanding bus improvements to make buses faster and more reliable, saving riders up to 6 minutes per trip.

The plan identifies 50 priority corridors, where there is high ridership and the most delayed buses, for improvements including installing more dedicated bus lanes, bus shelters and bus stop seating, purchasing 2,500 new buses, phasing-in all-door boarding, and expanding automated camera enforcement to keep bus lanes clear. The effort is pitched as being underpinned by a renewed partnership between City and State government and the transit agencies and promises robust rider engagement and the regular and timely public release of performance data.

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

"NYPIRG's Straphangers Campaign celebrates today's release of the City's “Next Stop: Fast Buses, Better Service” Bus Action Plan, which commits to expanding bus priority projects to make buses faster and more reliable. New York City's buses carry hundreds of thousands of riders every day and serve as a lifeline for communities across the five boroughs. But for too long, as NYPIRG's [Pokey & Schleppe Reports](#) have shown, [bus riders have endured slow, unreliable service that makes commutes longer and less predictable.](#)

We welcome the renewed partnership between our elected officials in City Hall and Albany, who are committing to putting riders' needs first and delivering faster bus service so we can get to our schools, work, health appointments, civic opportunities, and social lives on time. We are particularly excited about the work to continue improvements on Flatbush Ave, which [students working with NYPIRG have highlighted](#) as a critical area for faster buses [for the last few years.](#)

Ultimately, riders will judge this plan by how quickly projects move from paper to pavement. NYPIRG looks forward to working with the Mayor, Governor, NYC DOT, MTA, and bus riders to ensure this plan delivers the fast, reliable bus system New Yorkers deserve.”

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