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With Senate Confirmation, TSTC Executive Director to Join MTA Board

Today, the New York State Senate confirmed Tri-State Transportation Campaign (TSTC) Executive Director Veronica Vanterpool as a member to the board of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA). Veronica was nominated by Governor Andrew Cuomo on the recommendation of New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio in 2015, but the legislative session expired before the Senate could begin confirmation proceedings. Her nomination was re-submitted to the Senate for confirmation earlier this month.

"I am honored to have been recommended by Mayor de Blasio and nominated by Governor Cuomo as an MTA board member and extend my gratitude for the opportunity. Ensuring our transit system is well-financed, affordable, accessible and equitable, that capital needs and state-of-good repair projects are addressed, and that the agency is transparent and accountable to the public have been long-held goals of the transit advocacy community," says Vanterpool. "I am proud to continue to advance those goals as a member of the MTA board and with the support of the transit riding public and my colleagues in the advocacy community."

"Veronica's appointment to the MTA board is a huge win for transit riders in the tri-state region. Her regional perspective and knowledge of transportation issues throughout New York, Connecticut and New Jersey are assets to the agency which serves users from all three states. She is a true transit champion," said John Casellini, board chair of the Tri-State Transportation Campaign.

Veronica will channel her energy and advocacy to improving service, particularly for bus riders who make 2.5 million trips every day, ensuring the 2015-2019 Capital Program is fully and sustainably financed and its projects are delivered, advocating for an affordable, accessible and modern system, and supporting more interagency coordination with the region's transit and transportation agencies and departments.

About Veronica:

Veronica Vanterpool has been with the Tri-State Transportation Campaign since 2007, and has been executive director for the last four years. Tri-State works throughout the New York metropolitan region on reducing car dependency by increasing investment in public transportation and making streets safer for walking and biking. Since joining TSTC, Veronica has helped win millions in transit funding, fought successfully against fare increases and service cuts, encouraged the passage of legislation such as bus lane enforcement in New York City, and elevated the importance of transit and transparency in the Tappan Zee Bridge replacement project. Veronica also serves as board chair for the Bronx River Alliance, is on the board of Vision Long Island, and was a member of the MTA's Transportation Reinvention Commission. Born and raised in the Bronx, Veronica is a graduate of Binghamton University and has an MS in Environmental Policy from the New Jersey Institute of Technology.

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Tri-State Transportation Campaign is a non-profit organization working toward a more balanced, transit-friendly and equitable transportation system in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut.