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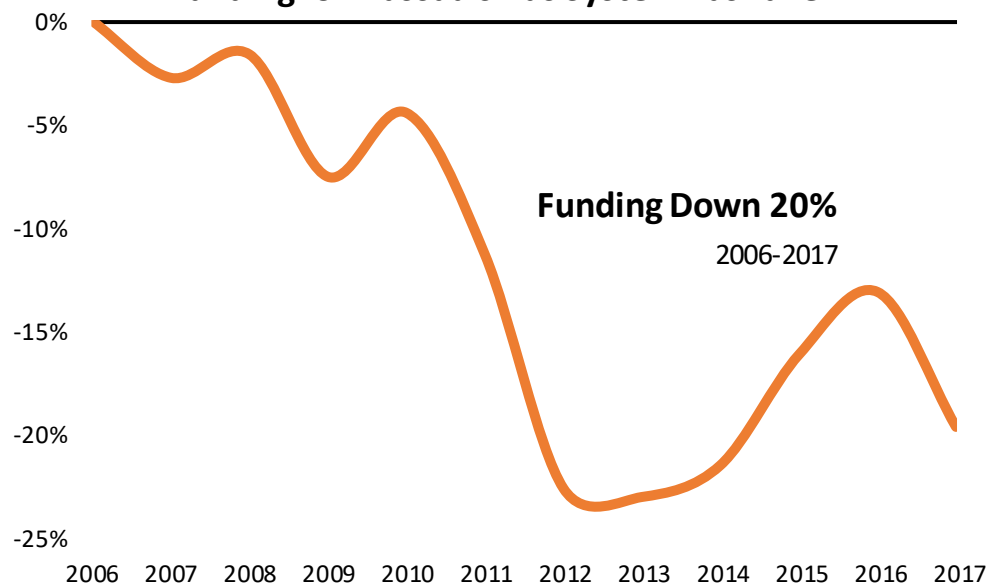
10 Years of Decline in Nassau County's Bus System



The Nassau County bus system contributes to the county's strong economy. According to a 2013 [report](#), NICE operations accounted for approximately 1,490 jobs and \$191.5 million in economic output in Nassau County – more than \$73 in economic activity for every dollar directly contributed by the County toward the cost of bus operations¹. Despite these clear economic benefits, Nassau County continues to shun its responsibility to adequately maintain this vital system.

Funding for Nassau's Bus System has Fallen

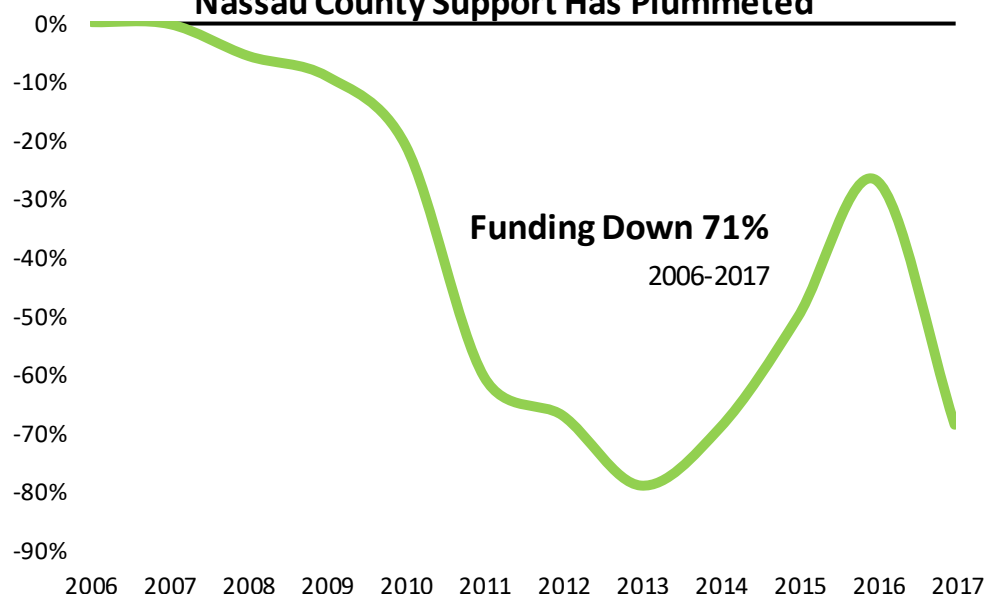
The overall subsidy for Nassau County's bus system has declined over 20 percent since 2006. The steepest decline occurred after Nassau County transferred bus service from the MTA to Veolia in 2012.



During this time, Nassau County's contribution in particular has plummeted. In 2006, Nassau County allocated \$13 million in today's dollars for bus service. In the 2017 budget, Nassau County will only allocate \$4 million.

Nassau County Support Has Plummeted

Evaporating support from Nassau County has led to years of service cuts and eliminations. NICE Bus's most recent service cut led to the removal of 7 bus lines in April 2017.

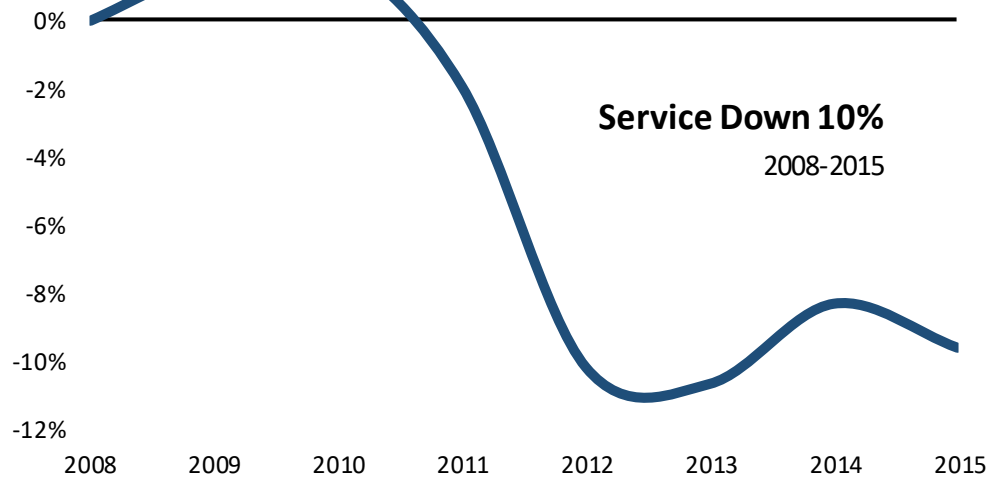


¹tstc.org/reports/Suburban_Bus_Economic_Impact_Report.pdf

All other data provided by the Federal Transit Administration's National Transit Database

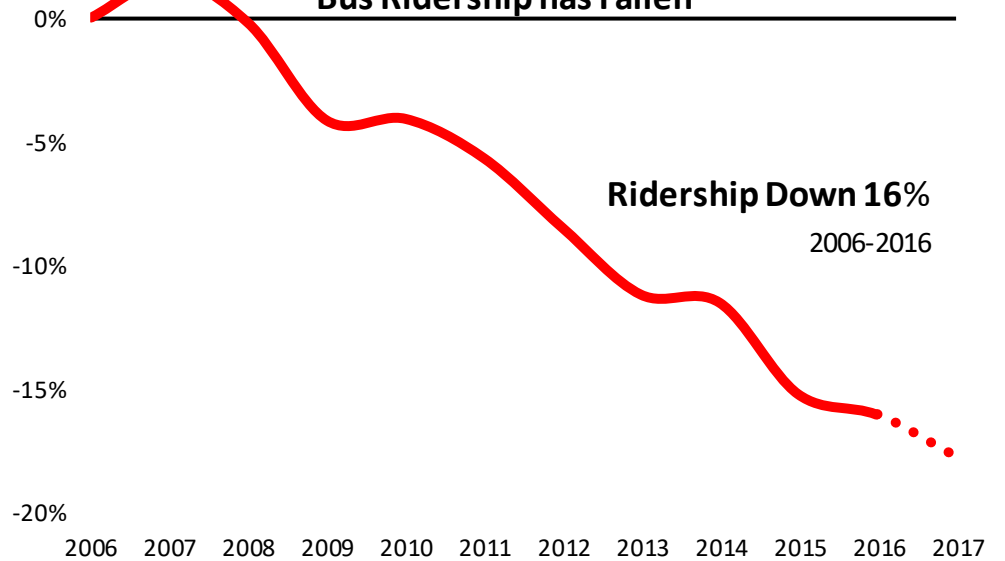
Total Miles of Bus Service

Total service miles are also down. In 2010, buses provided 10.8 million miles of service. In the intervening years, service has declined to 9.6 million miles, a cut of 10%.



The lack of funding and declining service has led to a direct decline in ridership. Ridership peaked at 32.5 million in 2008 and has fallen to just over 27 million in 2016. The vast majority of this decline occurred as Nassau County cut funding.

Bus Ridership has Fallen



The lack of stable and adequate operating support has forced the bus system operator to balance its budget with state money. In 2006, New York State allocated the equivalent of \$59 million in today's dollars for bus service. In the 2017 budget, the state will allocate \$66.5 million to support the Nassau's bus system.

Nassau County is More Reliant on State Money

