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**Tri-State Transportation Campaign Statement on
Closing NYC Subway for Overnight Disinfection**

Today, Governor Cuomo made the extraordinary move to shut down New York City's subway from 1 a.m. to 5 a.m. every day to disinfect equipment through the duration of the coronavirus pandemic. In response, Tri-State Transportation Campaign released the following statement:

"We applaud Governor Cuomo and the MTA for stepping up their effort in the fight against coronavirus. The coming weeks and months are going to be challenging for everyone to navigate, but this crisis requires our leaders to take difficult but necessary steps to protect riders and transit workers.

"We're glad to see that the MTA has committed to alternate transit options for essential workers while the subways are closed. We call on the MTA to work with the city to expand bus options, including more frequent overnight service and dedicated lanes for buses and emergency vehicles. The MTA should also establish clear sanitation and social distancing guidelines for dollar van services and for-hire vehicles. This will send a message to the riding public that everyone's safety is the top priority."

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Founded in 1993, Tri-State Transportation Campaign is dedicated to reducing car dependency in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut. TSTC has four main priorities: fixing our commutes, meeting our climate goals, stopping traffic deaths, and making transportation fair. Learn more at tstc.org.