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**Tri-State Transportation Campaign Statement on
Mayor de Blasio's Better Buses Restart Announcement**

Today, Mayor Bill de Blasio announced 9 major bus lane projects to give New Yorkers safe, reliable, and fast public transit options as New York City begins its phased reopening. In response, Tri-State Transportation Campaign released the following statement:

"The major bus improvement projects that Mayor de Blasio announced today are an important step forward to improve bus service for hundreds of thousands of riders. The projects include making the 14th Street Busway permanent and adding 20 miles of new dedicated bus lanes in the South Bronx and Flushing, Queens, as well as future projects in Manhattan and Brooklyn.

"During the height of the pandemic, even as most New Yorkers sheltered in place, we saw buses crowded with essential workers traveling to and from hospitals, warehouses, grocery stores, and other critical services that allowed us all to stay home and stay safe. We owe it to them to keep them safe. One of the best ways to do that is to make sure transit is running at high capacity to allow for physical distancing and to ensure they get to critically important workplaces on time. That means keeping buses moving quickly, and bus lanes are the most important part of improving bus service and reducing crowding. And as millions of New Yorkers start returning to work, we cannot cram more cars onto our already congested streets. Making bus service more efficient will make buses safer, reduce crowding, and reduce disease transmission as we reopen New York City."

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Tri-State Transportation Campaign is a 27-year old advocacy organization that fights for an equitable, safe, multi-modal transportation network that provides options and supports the economies of New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut. TSTC works to fix our commutes, meet our climate goals, stop traffic deaths, and make transportation fair.