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**Tri-State Transportation Campaign Statement on
MTA's 13-Point Action Plan for a Safe Return**

This afternoon, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) unveiled its [13-Point Action Plan for a Safe Return](#) as New York City begins Phase 1 reopening on Monday, June 8. In response, Tri-State Transportation Campaign released the following statement:

"While poverty and lack of affordable housing are the primary reasons COVID-19 hit New York so hard, we know many riders are nervous about returning to our subways and buses. That's why we're glad to see the MTA taking the right steps to show riders that transit is safe. As the city prepares for Phase 1 reopening, we must have a transit system that is sufficiently ready to handle an influx of commuters heading back to work. The MTA's plan is in line with advice from leading health experts and our new report on guidelines for transit in the era of COVID-19, which will be released next week, and we are glad to see the authority taking measures that are grounded in science to keep riders safe.

"We know transit is vital to the functioning of the city. Thanks to the MTA's Phase 1 plan, we'll have a faster, more comprehensive recovery in New York."

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Tri-State Transportation Campaign is a 27-year old advocacy organization that fights for an equitable, 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.