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Statement on \$4 Billion for MTA in Latest Coronavirus Stimulus Deal from Tri-State Transportation Campaign

As Congress nears a final deal on a stimulus package to respond to the novel coronavirus, Senate leadership reports that \$4 billion for the MTA is included in the final package. In response, Nick Sifuentes, Executive Director of Tri-State Transportation Campaign, released the following statement:

“The MTA has been decimated by the pandemic and the resulting drop in ridership as New York City shut down. Unless the agency receives billions in stimulus funds, our subways and buses are at risk—massive cuts and fare hikes would leave our transit system a hollow shell of itself. Transit as we know it will cease to exist.

“Fortunately, Senate Democrats, led by Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, have secured a \$4 billion package for the MTA that will help keep our transit system running just as essential workers need it most. Thanks to their leadership and tireless efforts to keep the MTA in negotiations, the funding the agency direly needs is on the way. We’re grateful to Senator Schumer for leading the charge and keeping New York City up and running. We’re also thankful for the hard work of Senators Kirsten Gillibrand, Cory Booker, Robert Menendez, and Richard Blumenthal, as well as Representatives Adriano Espaillat, Nita Lowey and Hakeem Jeffries, for championing the needs of the New York City region.

“We look forward to the final passage of the stimulus package so that the MTA can keep the lights on in our subway tunnels and on our buses. Millions of New Yorkers, including those across the tri-state region who are working every day to keep us safe and to keep our national economy on track, are relying on Congress to do the right thing.”

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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.