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Statement on the Appointment of Quemuel Arroyo as MTA's First All-Agency Chief Accessibility Officer

*Today, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority announced the appointment of Quemuel Arroyo as the Authority's first all-agency Chief Accessibility Officer. The appointment comes at a time of dire need for greater transit accessibility in New York City to meet the needs of all riders, including those with disabilities. In response, **Tri-State Transportation Campaign** released the following statement:*

"Quemuel Arroyo has an extensive background in working on transit accessibility issues, and we are thrilled to see him appointed as the MTA's Chief Accessibility Officer. Today's appointment is a clear demonstration of the Authority's commitment to improving accessibility for millions of New Yorkers who rely on the city and region's sprawling transit system.

"In recent years, advocates pushed hard for the MTA to prioritize accessibility projects, including a call for more ADA-compliant subway stations and improved system wayfinding. As a result, the Authority has set many new ambitious capital goals with respect to accessibility, and we are eager to see more details from the MTA on how the Authority will achieve these goals."

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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.