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MTA Announces Plan to Purchase More Electric Buses and Install More Than 50 Overhead Chargers

*Yesterday, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority announced that the agency will increase its procurement of electric buses in 2021 from 45 to 60, marking the latest step in reaching the MTA's goal of transitioning the agency's 5,800 buses to a zero-emissions fleet by 2040. Recently, the MTA finalized a \$39 million agreement with the New York Power Authority to install more than 50 overhead chargers to power new electric buses that will be coming next year to four of the MTA's bus depots. In response, **Rena Reynolds, Executive Director of Tri-State Transportation Campaign**, released the following statement:*

"We applaud the MTA for continuing to make good progress toward reaching the agency's goal of transitioning to an all-electric, zero-emissions bus fleet by 2040. Electrifying public transit fleets is mission critical to reducing greenhouse gas emissions produced by the transportation sector, which is the largest source of air pollution in New York.

"This is also an opportunity for a more equitable plan to combat climate change. Emissions from diesel buses cause great harm to environmental justice communities and we strongly believe that, as the MTA phases in more electric buses, priority must be given to replacing diesel buses that serve these communities."

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