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Tri-State Transportation Campaign Statement on 24/7 Subway Service Returning May 17

Today, following pressure from elected officials and transit advocates, [Governor Andrew Cuomo announced](#) that beginning May 17, 2021, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) will restore 24-hour service on the NYC subway. The new policy will be a change from the current daily closure hours, which last from 2-4am and started February 22, 2021. In response, Tri-State Transportation Campaign released the following statement:

“TSTC applauds the MTA’s decision to restore 24-hour service on New York City’s subway system. Third shift workers, many of whom are frontline workers, rely on transit overnight and have been denied critically needed service for nearly a year. The full reopening of the transit system is critical for an expedient and robust economic recovery.

“In recent months, TSTC called for a full restoration of 24-hour subway service, especially as subway ridership surpassed 2 million passengers in April. Many workers have shifts that end in the late evening or begin in the early morning and were unable to rely on transit for commuting to and from work throughout the pandemic. Restoring overnight subway service allows many more workers to commute via the subway again instead of spending hours waiting for buses in the cold or spending more money on for-hire vehicles.

“Today’s announcement is recognition of the vital role workers perform to keep our city moving. On May 6, 2020, the MTA closed the system from 1-5am daily to accommodate cleaning and disinfection efforts in stations, on trains, and on platforms. Now that the scientific understanding of coronavirus transmission has evolved, as highlighted in TSTC’s [Back on Board](#) report, restoring 24-hour subway service is the right choice.”

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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.