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Congress Must Give Transit its Fair Share, Support *Stronger Communities Through Better Transit Act*

*The Stronger Communities Through Better Transit Act will address systemic inequities while expanding public transit services and frequency of service. The bill will save New Yorkers from \$2 billion worth of steep fare hikes, service cuts, and job losses when pandemic aid runs out in 2023. The following is a statement from **Renae Reynolds, Executive Director of Tri-State Transportation Campaign**, on the Stronger Communities Through Better Transit Act:*

“Building new transportation infrastructure is crucial for attracting more riders and providing new services to communities that currently lack sustainable transportation options. However, investment in capital projects must also be paired with sustained federal support for transit operations, as proposed by the bold, new Stronger Communities Through Better Transit Act. Without operations support, transit agencies will be forced to raise fares, reduce service, and cut jobs.

“Millions of transit-dependent New Yorkers need to know that they will still have a ride to work, school, and other critical services after pandemic aid runs out in 2023. We urge Senator Schumer and our congressional delegation to remember that transit infrastructure requires operating support, and to support the Stronger Communities Through Better Transit Act today.”

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[Tri-State Transportation Campaign](https://www.tstc.org) 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.