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#BetterBeeLine Bus Rider Day of Action

Transportation Advocacy Groups and Westchester Elected Officials Survey Bee-Line Bus Riders About the Quality of Their Commutes

Yonkers, New York – On Friday, November 19th, transit advocates from Tri-State Transportation Campaign and TransitCenter, as well as representatives from the New York State Assembly and Westchester County Legislative offices, organized a day of action to survey Bee-Line Bus riders in Yonkers and collect feedback on the quality of their commutes ahead of Westchester County Department of Transportation's planned bus network redesign.

Recently, Liberty Lines, the private operator of the Bee-Line system, made a series of service cuts that eliminated 5% of scheduled trips, catching many riders by surprise. The lack of notice, and limited details of where cuts have been made, showcases a larger transparency and communications issue plaguing the Bee-Line bus system.

"Westchester residents need efficient bus service to access jobs, affordable housing, school, and other critical services," **said Renae Reynolds, Executive Director of Tri-State Transportation Campaign.** "We now have an opportunity to overhaul the Bee-Line bus system, but that requires sufficient input from riders to ensure that the planned bus network redesign genuinely reflects their needs. As Westchester continues to grow, buses must play a crucial role in reducing traffic congestion, improving air quality, and guiding more sustainable development throughout the county."

"Westchester County's bus system provides an important service to Yonkers residents. As the County conducts a deep dive into bus transportation, I encourage residents to share their insights with the Tri-State Transportation Campaign by completing its online survey. I applaud the efforts of all involved to improve accessibility and mobility in Yonkers and Westchester County," **said New York State Assemblymember Nader Sayeh.**

"The Bee-Line bus system is one of the most used County services, and is a personal necessity to the many residents who rely on it. For the rest of us, it is a vital component of economic development because it is how many people get to their jobs, to shopping, or to school. But as



our climate deteriorates and as a younger generation clamors for more and better mass transit, we need efforts like the Westchester Bus Day of Action, to ensure that Bee-Line will provide the best service, to the widest range of people,” **said Westchester County Legislature Majority Leader Mary Jane Shimsky.**

“The recent US census revealed Yonkers is now the third most populous city in the state, and Westchester has over one million residents. We deserve a fast, frequent and reliable bus network to meet our growing needs,” **said David Bragdon, Executive Director of TransitCenter, a research and advocacy foundation.**

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