



Majority Leader Jimmy Van Bramer: New Yorkers need better transit. Here's how to get there.

The city should have the majority of seats on the MTA board

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In 1968, the state took over New York City's transit and created the MTA. Nearly 50 years later, riders suffer as the MTA struggles with aging trains, bloated projects and long delays for needed upgrades. Meanwhile, the MTA board is controlled by Albany and the suburbs, preventing the city from governing its own transit system.

Albany's leadership on the MTA is lacking. It's time for the city to take control.

I know in real time when the No. 7 train has a meltdown. My phone buzzes with tweets and texts about overcrowded platforms, stalled trains and poor communication from the MTA.

I press MTA officials at oversight hearings, organize rallies, and host meetings that bring the MTA directly to riders. **We must do more, but because Albany controls the MTA, our city can't hold it accountable.**

Earlier this month I hosted a town hall with New York City Transit President Ronnie Hakim. She had some good answers, but on many issues, she left us scratching our heads. Hakim didn't know much about cross-honoring MetroCards on the Long Island Rail Road when service is disrupted. One of her colleagues dismissed our claim that service is worse on Mondays after weekend track work, only to have riders cite specific delays and disruptions that the agency forgot.

A recent report showed the MTA used misleading math to calculate how long riders must wait for a train—and found that wait times are actually going up. The MTA is even failing to meet its own goals.

The upgrades needed to keep the century-old system from malfunction are decades from completion. There isn't even a timeline to bring modern signals—which allow countdown clocks and more frequent trains—to half the system.

Even worse, **the MTA is mismanaging its biggest, most expensive projects.** The new Hudson Yards station is leaking because the MTA's contractors cut corners. Across town, East Side Access—a bloated project designed to benefit suburban commuters, not New Yorkers stuck on the subway—is \$6 billion over budget and 14 years behind schedule.

Albany's latest budget provides only a portion of the cash required for the MTA to make needed upgrades, and in fact raises the MTA's debt ceiling. By requiring the MTA to borrow billions of dollars instead of funding improvements outright, **Albany is setting us up for massive fare and toll increases down the line.**

As straphangers get squeezed, Albany has little incentive to act. Nearly half of New Yorkers think the city controls the MTA, and who can blame them? The MTA's own numbers show that 94% of its riders are within the five boroughs.

And yet, **the city is only given four votes on the MTA's 17-member board.** Meanwhile, suburban counties, which include towns as far as Poughkeepsie and Montauk, control the same number of votes.

The city has increased its commitment to funding MTA capital improvements to \$2.5 billion. Contrast that with Westchester, Nassau and Suffolk counties, which each have a full vote on the MTA board yet don't contribute a cent to MTA upgrades from their budgets.

The city deserves a bigger say. **I'm calling on the state to increase the city's representation on the authority's board,** and have sponsored a City Council resolution to this effect. The city, after all, stands to gain the most from improved service—or suffer the harshest consequences if the system is neglected.

Now is the time. With the city's future hanging in the balance, it makes no sense for Albany and the suburbs to call the shots for our subways and buses.



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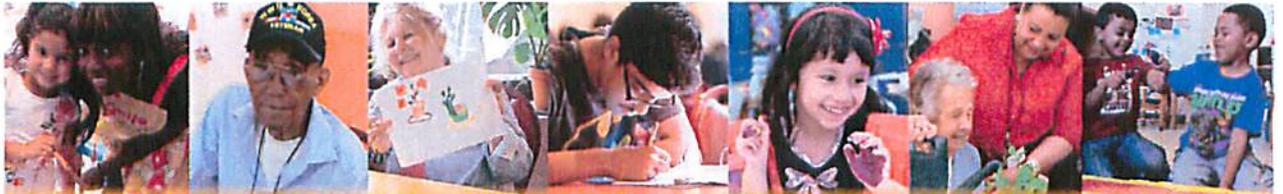


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ATTENTION: DRIVERS RENEWING LICENSES

- Driver renewal payments will only be accepted on-line
- Renewal documents can only be submitted by e-mail & mail
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To access the online system and make your renewal payment, drivers need:

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- Last 5 digits of DMV license number
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Renewal Document Submission: In addition, starting April 1, 2016, documents in support of renewal applications (e.g., medical forms, wheelchair accessible training certificates, etc.) may only be submitted either by e-mail to: renewdrivermr@tlc.nyc.gov or by mail to the TLC Renewals Unit, 31-00 47th Avenue, 3rd Floor, LIC, NY 11101. For email submission, please scan or photograph the certificate and attach it to the email.

When and How to Renew: Drivers will continue to receive letters 90 to 120 days before their license expiration dates with instructions on how to renew. More information on renewing driver licenses is available [here](#).



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- Pagos para renovación de Conductores solo serán aceptados en línea
- Documentos de renovación solo pueden ser entregados por correo electrónico y correo
- La presentación en persona ya no estará disponible

Empezando el 1 de abril, 2016 la TLC se está moviendo a un proceso de pago exclusivamente en línea para renovaciones de licencia de conductores, y a un proceso de correo electrónico o correo regular para la presentación de documentos requeridos. Ya no aceptaremos visitas en persona para renovar licencias de conductores.

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- Información de una tarjeta de débito, tarjeta de crédito o e-check

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Cuando y Como Renovar: Conductores continuaran recibiendo cartas 90 a 120 días antes de fechas de expiración de sus licencias con instrucciones de cómo renovar. Más información de cómo renovar está disponible [aquí](#).



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We are preparing to commemorate the bridge by preserving physical elements of the structure as part of an archive that will chronicle its unique role as a critical transportation link for over 76 years. Equally important, we would like to add a personal historic perspective. ***Can you help us by sharing your special moments and memories through anecdotes, reflections, or the reminiscences of your friends and members of your family?*** A spirited and comprehensive tribute is our goal, and any format – narrative, visual, photographic, even a poem or song – will help us develop a robust profile through the perspectives of those whose lives have been impacted by the bridge.

Helen Neuhaus, our Community Outreach Coordinator, is our point of contact for this effort. Please reach out to her with your questions and suggestions at (917) 887-0179 or at helen@hna1977.com. Materials can also be forwarded to Helen at her email or by mail to the Kosciuszko Bridge Community Office, 310 Nassau Avenue – Suite 202, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11222, Attention: Christine Holowacz, Community Liaison.

Join us in this unique opportunity to preserve a part of our history and culture!



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*First Pedestrians Crossing Meeker Avenue Bridge in 1939
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