



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Brad Hoylman-Sigal

## Joint Letter to MTA Board Chair Lieber on TMRB Appointments

BRAD HOYLMAN-SIGAL January 25, 2022

| ISSUE: **CONGESTION PRICING, SENATOR BRAD HOYLMAN, SD 27**

We write to urge the MTA Board to make its appointments to the Traffic Mobility Review Board (TMRB) with the utmost urgency and to ensure that at least one of the individuals appointed is a resident of Manhattan.

As supporters of congestion pricing and a fully-funded public transportation system, we ask the MTA Board to make appointments to the TMRB as soon as possible. With implementation of congestion pricing already delayed to 2023 due to federal regulations, we must do everything we can to ensure that the program can start as soon as possible. The sooner the appointments are made, the more time there will be for the TMRB to create a plan that most effectively raises revenue and decreases congestion in Manhattan's Central Business District.

In addition, we continue to request that at least one member of the TMRB be a resident of Manhattan, the borough where congestion pricing will be implemented. We are fully supportive of this program, and excited for the benefits it will deliver to Manhattan and the region, but residents of Manhattan will face unique impacts from the program, and having a representative from Manhattan will help those impacts be taken into account. A Manhattanite joining the representatives from the Metro-North and Long Island Rail Road regions will ensure a community-based perspective that will improve the tolling program.

Congestion pricing has been successful in cities around the globe, and we are excited to see it implemented in New York City. In order to ensure that success, we believe it is essential for the TMRB to be appointed swiftly, and for that board to include Manhattan representation.

Sincerely,

Liz Krueger Adriano Espaillat Jerry Nadler State Senator Congressman Congressman

Carolyn Maloney Nydia Velasquez Cordell Cleare Congresswoman Congresswoman  
State Senator

Brad Hoylman Robert Jackson Brian Kavanagh State Senator State Senator State Senator

José Serrano Inez Dickens Harvey Epstein State Senator State Assembly Member State Assembly  
Member

Deborah Glick Richard Gottfried Yuh-Line Niou State Assembly Member State Assembly Member  
State Assembly Member

Danny O'Donnell Dan Quart Linda Rosenthal State Assembly Member State Assembly Member  
State Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright Al Taylor Mark Levine State Assembly Member State  
Assembly Member Manhattan Borough President

Shaun Abreu Diana Ayala Erik Bottcher City Council Member City Council Member City  
Council Member

Gale A. Brewer Carmen De La Rosa Kristin Richardson Jordan City Council Member City Council  
Member City Council Member

Julie Menin Keith Powers Carlina Rivera City Council Member City Council Member City  
Council Member