



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Michael Gianaris

## Senate Deputy Leader Gianaris, Federal, State, City Leaders & Advocates Fight To #FixTheMTA

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| ISSUE: **FIX THE MTA, SUBWAYS, FREE BUSES, FREEZE FARES, STATE BUDGET**



BRONX, N.Y. – Senate Deputy Leader Michael Gianaris was joined by federal, state, and city leaders alongside transit advocates for a press conference today at the 233<sup>rd</sup> Street Station in the Bronx urging support for their #FixTheMTA legislation, which he carries in the State Senate. Photos of the press conference are available [here](#).

"The MTA is on an express track towards fiscal calamity and it is imperative we intervene to save and improve the nation's most important transit system," said **Senate Deputy Leader Michael Gianaris**. "This year's budget should include funding to freeze fares, increase service and

provide free buses - improvements that would be game-changers and put the MTA on solid footing for a better future."

Senator Gianaris joined by U.S. Rep. Jamaal Bowman, New York City Comptroller Brad Lander, Assembly Member Zohran Mamdani – the Assembly sponsor of this legislation, Senator Nathalia Fernandez, Senator Gustavo Rivera, and Assembly Member Jeff Dinowitz.

**ABOUT #FixTheMTA:** The #FixTheMTA legislation would fully fund the MTA and reject a fare hike to \$3, fund greater frequency for 6-minute service, and make buses free. The package also includes programmatic measures to: increase the agency's accountability through better reporting; establish prudent and accurate budget measures; and boost efficiency. The proposed executive budget does not provide the funding necessary to avoid a fare hike to \$3, and provides no funding for improved service.

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