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Senate Majority Announces Long Island Hearing On New York's Transit Systems

(Albany, NY) The Senate Majority today announced that their second public hearing on the effectiveness of New York's transit networks will be held on Long Island. Senator Tim Kennedy, Chair of the Transportation Committee, and Senator Leroy Comrie, Chair of the Corporations, Authorities, and Commissions Committee, will lead these hearings, to ensure that legislative activity in 2019 addresses the needs of Long Island. Additional hearings will take place in the Hudson Valley, Syracuse, and Buffalo.

"Improving the LIRR and the MTA is a crucial challenge that we must meet," **Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins** said. "I look forward to Long Islanders having the opportunity to share their priorities and discuss these important issues directly with their elected leaders. I commend Senators Kennedy and Comrie for organizing these hearings and working with their Senate Majority colleagues on Long Island to improve the LIRR and MTA."

Senator Tim Kennedy, Chair of the Senate's Transportation Committee said, "During our first transportation hearing in New York City, we listened to the concerns and priorities of many riders who rely on New York's transit networks every day, as well as the transportation agencies and management who oversee them. It is clear that significant improvements need to be made in order to sustain these aging systems, and we're committed to addressing these issues and working collaboratively to find solutions. We look forward to continuing this important dialogue with ridership on Long Island next week."

Senator Leroy Comrie, Chair of the Senate's Corporations, Authorities, and Commissions Committee, said, "Transit connectivity and reliability across Long Island are critical issues not only for Long Island commuters, but also the well-being of our state and regional economy. I am committed to working in collaboration with my colleagues, as well as the leadership at the MTA LIRR, riders, and the larger public, to ensure that we as a state are on a trajectory toward improved transit service, as well as greater accountability and transparency."

The Long Island hearing will be on Friday, March 1 at 3:00 PM at the Theodore Roosevelt Executive and Legislative Building, 1550 Franklin Ave, Mineola.

If you would like to testify at one of the hearings, please RSVP to nichols@nysenate.gov.

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