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Senate Majority Announces Joint Public Hearing On MTA's 2020-2024 Capital Program

(Albany, NY) The Senate Democratic Majority today announced that a joint hearing with the State Assembly will be held on Tuesday, November 12, to examine the historic \$51.5 billion 2020-2024 MTA Capital Plan. This hearing, which will be chaired by Senator Leroy Comrie, Chair of the Corporations, Authorities, and Commissions Committee, Senator Tim Kennedy, Chair of the Transportation Committee, and Assemblymember Amy Paulin, Chair of the Assembly Standing Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions will offer legislators an opportunity to receive testimony and ask questions of MTA officials and expert stakeholders.

"The MTA Capital Plan is a historic investment in New York's public transit that will improve the lives of riders across the region," **Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins** said. "The implementation of the MTA's 5-year Capital Plan will have drastic implications for New York, our economy, and our quality of life, which is why we must ensure it moves forward effectively. I applaud Senator Comrie, Senator Kennedy, and Assemblymember Paulin for organizing this hearing to review this essential capital plan and its implementation."

Chair of the Corporations, Authorities, and Commissions Committee, Senator Leroy Comrie said, "The MTA has committed to a historic Capital Plan to revive and enhance our region's transit networks. While this investment is much needed, money alone will not be the remedy to the authority's ongoing troubles. Through hearings like this, we will forge greater transparency, accountability, and stakeholder participation in decision-making and policy creation at the MTA. I thank Leader Stewart-Cousins and Senator Kennedy for being dependable leaders in the Senate on reforming and enhancing the MTA."

Chair of the Transportation Committee, Senator Tim Kennedy said, "Through this public hearing, the Democratic Conference is prioritizing public feedback and creating an opportunity for transparency and accountability. The MTA Capital Plan will affect millions of New Yorkers who rely on its transit networks every day, and Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Senator Comrie, and I are all invested in strengthening the dialogue between stakeholders and those committed to serving the public."

The hearing will be in Manhattan on Tuesday, November 12 at 10:30 AM in the Assembly Hearing Room, 250 Broadway, Room 1923, 19th Floor, New York, NY 10007. Oral testimony is by invitation only. To attend the hearing or submit written testimony please email Christopher LaBarge at labarge@nysenate.gov.

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