

VOTE YES *on Ballot Proposal Two* **TRANSPORTATION BOND ACT**

On Tuesday November 8th, New Yorkers will vote on a \$2.9 billion transportation bond. The NYPIRG Straphangers Campaign has prepared this fact sheet to make the case for a YES vote.

Ballot Proposal Two <i>Rebuild and Renew NY</i> <i>Transportation Bond Act</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
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What would Ballot Proposal Two do? Ballot Proposal Two is critical to funding the state's five-year transportation needs, helping to provide expanded public transportation service, congestion relief, and safe roads for all New Yorkers. It includes projects that touch every corner of the state, improving mobility while creating jobs and protecting the environment. (See website below for a full list of projects.)

What would Ballot Proposal Two do for transit? Ballot Proposal Two provides \$450 million for fixing the current system, such as buying new subway cars and buses, replacing tracks and lighting and updating railway bridges on Staten Island. It also includes \$900 million vital to advancing the Second Avenue Subway and LIRR East Side Access projects. Needed road repairs would also be made around the state and the bond sets aside \$235 million outside the non-MTA transit network. If Proposal Two fails, the MTA will be forced to borrow more money, burdening riders with fare hikes and service cuts to fund repaying the debt. That's what they did in 2000. And that's why State Comptroller Alan Hevesi — who has been a critic of the MTA's finances— has endorsed Proposal Two.

What would Ballot Proposal Two do for the environment? These investments are good for the environment. The state's transit system keeps millions of cars off of the roads, easing congestion and limiting pollution levels that right now fail to meet the standards set forth by the US EPA.

How would Ballot Proposal Two create jobs? The state's transportation network drives our economy. The downstate region is projected to add 1.5 million new jobs by 2030. But this growth will not be possible without a healthy and expanded transit network. Every \$1 invested in public transportation projects generates \$6 in local economic activity, and every \$1 billion invested in public transportation infrastructure creates 47,500 jobs. And billions of dollars in matching federal funding are contingent on the Bond Act's passing.

Who supports Ballot Proposal Two? Ballot Proposal Two has widespread bipartisan support. Early endorsers include Governor George Pataki, Attorney General Eliot Spitzer, Mayor Michael Bloomberg, Mayoral Candidate Fernando Ferrer, State Comptroller Alan Hevesi, the New York State League of Conservation Voters, the NYPIRG Straphangers Campaign, the Partnership for New York City, the state AFL-CIO, Regional Plan Association, the New York Building Congress, the Association for a Better New York, 100 Black Men and Environmental Defense.

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