

# What's ahead for riders?

**A Fare Hike**



**Service Cuts**



**Fewer Transit  
Repairs**



# NOT IF YOU SPEAK UP!

## A Triple Whammy on Riders

The MTA is proposing to raise fares and cut service. The yearly cost of 7-day MetroCards, for example, would go up at least \$150 – about the same impact on riders as a 30-cent fare hike! And what do we get in exchange? The MTA plans to reduce bus service, remove conductors from two subway lines, and has an uncertain plan for closing scores of station booths.

Fares just went up last year. And riders already pay a higher share of the costs of running the subways and buses than riders on any other system in the country.

Why all the pressure to raise fares and cut service? Because Governor Pataki has forced the MTA to rely heavily on borrowing backed by its operating budget to rebuild the transit system. As a result, the MTA now faces a huge bill. Mayor Bloomberg has also cut rebuilding funds.

The MTA is also proposing a new \$27.6 billion five-year rebuilding program to buy new subway cars and buses, rehabilitate stations, replace aging infrastructure to make the system more reliable and safer, and build a Second Avenue Subway. The fate of this vital program is very uncertain.

## Speak Up for Transit!

**CALL MAYOR BLOOMBERG  
AND GOVERNOR PATAKI.**

**TELL THEM TO BLOCK A FARE HIKE AND  
SERVICE CUTS AND FUND TRANSIT REPAIRS.**

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