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However today's management restructuring plan fares in months and years to come, it is a direct admission of what the riding public has been saying for a long time now: "New York's transit system is an overcrowded, problem-plagued and unreliable mess."

Governor Andrew Cuomo may be evasive on this undeniable truth, but his agency is direct and clear. As the MTA says, their plan seeks to "target the key causes of subway system delays, including track and signal issues; sick passengers and police activity; subway car equipment failures; loading and unloading in stations; and bottlenecks that occur at critical points in the system where lines merge."

And as the MTA's Interim Director Ronnie Hakim, said: "We know riders are frustrated – we are too – which is why we are embracing this new plan. Attacking the five key causes of subway delays enables New York City Transit to take a targeted approach that can produce results."

Finally, the MTA's plan to separate the MTA CEO and Chair is bound to be carefully scrutinized by the State legislature, which undoubtedly will want safeguards against bureaucratic infighting and patronage.

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