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NYPIRG STATEMENT ON CONGESTION PRICING

(New York, N.Y.) Today, MTA announced congestion pricing will go into effect on June 30, 2024. Congestion Pricing will add a toll for vehicles entering Manhattan’s Central Business District below 60th Street. Implementing congestion pricing will improve overall air quality and decrease congestion, while raising \$1 billion dollars in revenue annually towards the MTA’s Capital Plan.

The following statement is attributable to Natasha Elder, Regional Director for NYPIRG:

“Five years ago, congestion pricing became law in New York State. Now, after a long process of evaluating thousands of pages of analysis and advocacy from NYPIRG and other transit advocates, the benefits of better air quality, less congestion and transit infrastructure upgrades are on the way.

We hear it time and time again, congestion pricing is the only plan that will decrease congestion in the Central Business District, realize better health outcomes for New Yorkers by improving air quality, and upgrade aged transit infrastructure to make trips faster, more reliable, and accessible for more New Yorkers.

NYPIRG applauds the MTA for their continued commitment to the full implementation of congestion pricing. We look forward to seeing all the benefits that congestion pricing will bring once initiated on June 30th along with transit service expansions and upgrades that the funding will make possible.