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NYPIRG STRAPHANGERS CAMPAIGN STATEMENT ON MTA DECISION TO APPROVE TRANSIT FARE HIKE IN 2025

(*N.Y., N.Y.*) In December, the MTA Board approved on Wednesday a budget plan for 2025 that includes public transportation fare hikes slated to take effect in August of 2025.

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

"Straphangers are feeling stalled at every turn--first with slow, unreliable public transportation, and now a 4% fare hike would bring the cost to take a bus or train to \$3! This fare hike is en route to affect millions of students and other New Yorkers who already have tough choices to make. With inflation and the cost of living threatening the affordability of New York City, too many transit riders have to ask themselves -- should they buy food and get their education, or should they buy a metrocard? The NYPIRG Straphangers Campaign is calling on the State Legislature to step in and avert this proposed fare hike with state funding to save New Yorkers money." -Natasha Elder, Regional Director at NYPIRG.

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