# METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

#### **MISSION**

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) is responsible for operating, maintaining and improving public transportation in the Metropolitan Commuter Transportation District consisting of New York City and Dutchess, Nassau, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Suffolk and Westchester counties.

The Authority oversees the operations of the bus and subway systems in New York City, commuter railroads in the region, and seven bridges and two tunnels in New York City. This oversight includes general policy direction and development of operating and capital programs.

The Authority is comprised of three independent entities: The Metropolitan Transportation Authority, MTA New York City Transit and MTA Bridges and Tunnels. The Metropolitan Transportation Authority has six subsidiaries: MTA Staten Island Rapid Transit, MTA Long Island Rail Road, MTA Long Island Bus, MTA Metro North Railroad, MTA Bus and MTA Capital Construction. MTA New York City Transit, which operates the New York City subway and bus systems, has one subsidiary: MTA Manhattan and Bronx Surface Transit.

### ORGANIZATION AND STAFFING

Each of the three independent entities mentioned above is governed by its own Board, although by law membership on each Board is identical. There are 19 board members, 17 voting and 2 non-voting, each nominated by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. Four members are nominated from a list provided by the Mayor of the City of New York and one each from lists prepared by the seven county executives in the Metropolitan Commuter Transportation District. The remaining six voting members are appointed directly by the Governor, with one serving as Board Chair.

### FISCAL BACKGROUND AND BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The appropriations made directly to the MTA are in addition to the total \$2.2 billion subsidy provided by the State to the Metropolitan Transportation Authority that is appropriated in the Department of Transportation's Aid to Localities budget. Funds appropriated directly to the MTA include new appropriations and reappropriations from the Rebuild and Renew New York Bond Act of 2005, approved by voters in November 2005, which provided \$1.45 billion of capital aid from SFYs 2005-06 through 2009-10.

#### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

#### MTA NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT AND MTA COMMUTER RAILROADS

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority provides 24 hour-a-day transit and commuter services in the New York City metropolitan region. Its subway system is the largest in the nation and one of the largest in the world. MTA New York City Transit operates approximately 230 local and express bus routes throughout New York City. Complementing this service are additional bus routes in Nassau County provided by MTA Long Island Bus. MTA Long Island Rail Road and MTA Metro North Railroad, the two largest commuter rail systems in the nation, provide transportation for travelers entering New York City from outlying suburban areas in New York State and Connecticut. Over two billion passengers ride the subways, buses and commuter rail systems each year.

#### MTA BRIDGES AND TUNNELS

MTA Bridges and Tunnels, the largest toll system in the nation, operates nine intra-city bridges and tunnels in New York City: Triborough Bridge, Bronx-Whitestone Bridge, Henry Hudson Bridge, Marine Parkway-Gil Hodges Bridge, Cross Bay Veterans' Memorial Bridge, Throgs Neck Bridge, Verrazano-Narrows Bridge, Queens-Midtown Tunnel and Brooklyn Battery Tunnel. It also provides financing for MTA New York City Transit's and the commuter railroads' capital programs. In addition, MTA Bridges and Tunnels is required by law to transfer surplus revenues to MTA New York City Transit and the commuter railroads to support their operations.

#### **OTHER SUBSIDIARIES**

In July 2003, the MTA created MTA Capital Construction Company, which has the ability to manage, design and effectuate the system expansion projects of all the MTA agencies. The other subsidiaries — MTA Staten Island Rapid Transit, MTA Long Island Bus, and MTA Manhattan and Bronx Surface Transit — provide regional transportation services. MTA Staten Island Rapid Transit operates transit services on Staten Island. MTA Manhattan and Bronx Surface Transit, in conjunction with MTA New York City Transit, provides bus service within New York City, primarily to passengers traveling within a particular borough or as a feeder service to the subway. In September 2004, the MTA Board created the MTA Bus Company. Pursuant to an agreement with the City, the MTA will assume operation of bus service in the areas previously serviced by the franchised private bus lines. Specifically, the MTA will be responsible for all aspects of service delivery; the City of New York will pay to the MTA the difference between the actual cost of operations and all revenues. The MTA commenced operation of service in the area formerly operated by four of the private lines in 2005, with the balance of the service expected to be conveyed to the MTA by the end of February 2006.

MTA Long Island Bus provides bus service to Nassau County, western Suffolk County and eastern Queens County, connecting these areas to MTA New York City Transit's subway stations. The Metropolitan Transportation Authority is responsible for the operation and general oversight of MTA Long Island Bus. Nassau County is financially responsible for MTA Long Island Bus' operating costs that are over and above those supported by fares and by Federal and State assistance.

#### ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Category	Appropriations Available Recommended 2005-06 2006-07		Reappropriations Recommended Change 2006-07		
State Operations	0	0	0	0	
Aid To Localities	646,000,000	644,700,000	(1,300,000)	0	
Capital Projects	232,000,000	297,000,000	65,000,000	268,000,000	
Total	878,000,000	941,700,000	63,700,000	268,000,000	

## AID TO LOCALITIES ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Fund Type	Available 2005-06	Recommended 2006-07	Change
Special Revenue Funds - Other	646,000,000	644,700,000	(1,300,000)
Total	646,000,000	644,700,000	(1,300,000)

### **METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION**

# AID TO LOCALITIES ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Program	Available 2005-06	Recommended 2006-07	Change
Dedicated Tax			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	646,000,000	644,700,000	(1,300,000)
Total	646,000,000	644,700,000	(1,300,000)

# CAPITAL PROJECTS ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Comprehensive Construction Program	Available 2005-06	Recommended 2006-07	Change	Reappropriations 2006-07
Mass Transportation and Rail Freight				
Metropolitan Transportation Authority				
Capital Projects Fund - Advances	0	0	0	36,000,000
Urban and Commuter Mass Transportation Bondable				
Capital Projects Fund - Rebuild Renew NY 2005				
(Bondable	232,000,000	297,000,000	65,000,000	232,000,000
Total	232,000,000	297,000,000	65,000,000	268,000,000