



## MEMO OF SUPPORT

### [S3545 \(Ramos\) / A4043 \(Carroll\)](#)

*Requires Additional Transparency of Spending on MTA Capital Projects*

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#### **TITLE OF BILL**

An act to amend the public authorities law, in relation to requiring the Metropolitan Transportation Authority to publish certain information pertaining to capital project data for projects that are committed for construction on the capital program dashboard.

#### **SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS**

Section 1 amends subdivision 2-a of section 1269-b of the Public Authorities Law to requires additional information regarding MTA capital projects be published via the capital project dashboard:

- A listing of all contract numbers, vendors, and contractors associated with the project;
- All sources of funding for the project; and
- Coding regarding whether the project is related to accessibility or sustainability.

The bill specifies that sources of funding be designated as from the state of New York (including whether it is from the central business district tolling lockbox), the federal government, the city of New York, or any other relevant source.

Accessibility projects are specified as regarding elevators, escalators, or compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Resiliency shall be defined by the MTA in its 20-year needs assessment. Definitions shall be provided in the data dictionary required to be published with the dashboard.

Section 2 sets the effective date as immediate.

#### **STATEMENT OF SUPPORT**

We strongly support this legislation, which will improve public access to information about MTA capital projects. The MTA's 2020-2024 capital program contains \$55 billion worth of spending on the subways, buses, and commuter rails. Giving the public greater access to

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information about how capital funds – including congestion pricing proceeds – are being spent will help increase confidence in the program and the MTA by allowing the public to more easily track where their taxes, tolls, and fares are being spent.

The MTA provides a wealth of information on capital projects, contractors, and spending, but it is scattered through dozens of documents (often PDFs), making it difficult for the public to connect the dots to see for themselves how their taxpayer and fare dollars are being spent. The capital dashboard is currently the MTA's central repository for capital project information, and can be improved with more complete data about projects, including their finances.

We urge the Legislature to pass this bill.