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Groups Thank Governor Hochul for Vetoing Bill Prohibiting MTA from Using One-Person Train Operation

Veto Allows MTA to Operate Like Most Other Global Transit Systems

Citizens Budget Commission, the Partnership for New York City, Regional Plan Association, Reinvent Albany, and the Transit Costs Project at the NYU Marron Institute of Urban Management thank Governor Hochul today for vetoing [A4873/S4091](#). The legislation would have prohibited the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) from using one-person train operation (OPTO)—the global norm used by the vast majority of subway authorities across the world according to [research by the Transit Costs project](#)—by requiring the presence of a conductor on all trains over two cars long operated by the New York City Transit Authority.

We strongly support efforts to provide New Yorkers with world-class public transit. This bill would have done the opposite by raising MTA operating costs and constraining the MTA's ability to implement modern operating methods, adopt new technologies, and provide better service for riders.