

# **PATAKI: STOP THE HIKE! STOP THE CUTS!**

Riders – time is running out! On December 16th the MTA will vote on its proposal to raise fares and cut service. The yearly cost of 7-day MetroCards, for example, would go up at least \$150 – the same impact on riders as a 30 cent fare hike! And what do we get in exchange? The MTA plans to reduce bus service, remove conductors from two lines and has an uncertain plan for closing scores of station booths.

The MTA's own recent financial estimates make it clear a fare hike and service cuts are unnecessary in 2005. But the agency is pushing ahead with its plan to soak riders while at the same time setting up a \$200 million "rainy day fund."

Who can put a halt to this ridiculous plan? Governor Pataki. He runs the MTA. Will he speak up for riders and kill the MTA's proposals? Will Mayor Bloomberg use his power to put the screws to the Governor? Riders, it's up to us! Let's keep our system safe and affordable. Here's what you can do:

**Call Governor Pataki! (212) 681-4580**

*Tell him to kill the MTA's fare hike and service cuts plan!*

**Call Mayor Bloomberg! 311 or (212) 788-3000**

*Tell him to urge Governor Pataki to stop the hike, stop the cuts!*

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## **PROTEST!**

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Join us as we rally to give the Governor and Mayor an earful at the:

**"STOP THE PATAKI FARE HIKE AND SERVICE CUTS"  
PROTEST AND NEWS CONFERENCE**

5:30pm, Tuesday, December 14

In front of Governor Pataki's office 633 Third Avenue  
between 40th & 41st Streets (Closest subway: Grand Central)

**Your voice can make a difference!**

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