



NYPIRG's

Straphangers Campaign

2010 Cuts in Bus Service

the facts

The MTA has proposed massive cuts and restructuring of bus routes to help meet a growing operating deficit for 2010. The deficit was originally pegged at \$383 million. In February, the State told the MTA that its deficit may have grown by another \$400 million.

These changes are often complicated. They are contained in a 148-page booklet, which can be found at www.mta.info or <http://bit.ly/2010servicecuts>. The proposed cuts in bus service would save \$60 million.¹

In some cases, where routes are permanently discontinued, the effect is stark and awful. Take the S60 that goes up and down Grymes Hill on Staten Island. Under the MTA's proposal, residents on the hill would simply get no service and have a new 12 to 20 minute walk to the nearest bus route!

Other changes are more complicated, often involving either consolidation or substitution of routes. Riders and neighborhood leaders are in the best position to analyze the impact of these changes on such aspects of service as longer waiting times; greater crowding; more time for trips; and extra transfers. We urge those affected to study the impact of the changes and testify at the MTA's hearing in their borough during the first week of March. More information about the hearings is at <http://bit.ly/MTAhearinginfo>.

Below is a listing of bus routes in the categories of changes proposed by the MTA:

- **end weekday service completely on 14 bus routes:** Bx18; B23; B39; B51; B71; M18; M27; M30; Q14; Q42; Q74; Q75; Q79; and S60.²
- **end weekend service completely on 22 routes:** Bx18; Bx20; Bx33; Bx34; B2; B23; B24; B39; B69; B71; M8; M18; M22; M27; M50; Q14; Q31; Q76; Q79; S54; S60; and S76.³
- **end overnight service on 18 routes:** Bx34; B7; B31; B37; B39; B45; B57; B64; B65; B67; B75; M1; M8; M16; M22; M50; M66; and Q30.⁴
- **restructure or replace in part bus service on 41 weekday routes, 32 weekend routes and 9 overnight routes:**

weekdays⁵: Bx5; Bx8; Bx14; Bx20; Bx25/26; Bx28; Bx30; Bx41; Bx55; B1; B3; B4; B8; B12; B13; B37; B48; B61; B64; B67; B69; B70; B75; B77; M1; M3; M6; M9; M10; M15; M21; M22; M42; M98; M104; Q24; Q26; S40/92; S42; S52; and S66/67.

weekends⁶: Bx5; Bx8; Bx14; Bx26; Bx28; Bx30; Bx41; Bx55; B1; B3; B4; B8; B12; B13; B37; B48; B61; B64; B70; B75; B77; M1; M3; M6; M9; M10; M21; M42; M104; Q24; S42; and S52.

overnight⁷: Bx15; Bx41; B1; B12; B48; B61/62; B77; M104; and Q24.

• **eliminate 8 weekday express bus routes, consolidate 13 more⁸:**

eliminate: X16; X18; X20; X25; X29; X32; X51; and X90.

consolidate: X1; X2; X3; X4; X5; X6; X7; X8; X9; X13; X14; X27/37; and X28/38.

¹ MTA New York City Transit *2010 Service Reductions Book*, January 21, 2010, p. iii.

² MTA New York City Transit *2010 Service Reductions Book*, January 21, 2010, p. vii.

³ MTA New York City Transit *2010 Service Reductions Book*, January 21, 2010, p. x.

⁴ MTA New York City Transit *2010 Service Reductions Book*, January 21, 2010, p. xiv.

⁵ MTA New York City Transit *2010 Service Reductions Book*, January 21, 2010, p. vii-ix.

⁶ MTA New York City Transit *2010 Service Reductions Book*, January 21, 2010, p. x-xii.

⁷ MTA New York City Transit *2010 Service Reductions Book*, January 21, 2010, p. xiv-xv.

⁸ MTA New York City Transit *2010 Service Reductions Book*, January 21, 2010, p. xiii.

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