

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

January 12, 2022

Introduced by Sen. BIAGGI -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to requiring the metropolitan transportation authority to develop a strategic action plan to improve bicycle and pedestrian access at its bridges and passenger stations; and to amend a chapter of the laws of 2021 amending the public authorities law relating to requiring the metropolitan transportation authority to develop a strategic action plan to improve bicycle and pedestrian access at its bridges and passenger stations, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 4943-B and A. 6235-B, in relation to requiring the metropolitan transportation authority to develop a strategic action plan to improve bicycle and pedestrian access at its bridges and passenger stations

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Section 1 of a chapter of the laws of 2021 amending the  
2 public authorities law relating to requiring the metropolitan transpor-  
3 tation authority to develop a strategic action plan to improve bicycle  
4 and pedestrian access at its bridges and passenger stations, as proposed  
5 in legislative bills numbers S. 4943-B and A. 6235-B, is amended to read  
6 as follows:  
7 Section 1. The metropolitan transportation authority shall~~[, in~~  
8 ~~consultation with the Long Island Rail Road Commuter's Council, the~~  
9 ~~Metro North Rail Commuter Council and the New York City Transit Authori-~~  
10 ~~ty Advisory Council,]~~ develop a strategic action plan to improve bicycle  
11 and pedestrian access at bridges, stations and other facilities operated  
12 by the authority or its affiliates or subsidiaries. [~~One component of~~  
13 ~~the]~~ The strategic action plan shall [~~be to develop and monitor]~~ consid-  
14 er capital projects to allow for and/or expand bicycle access on all  
15 bridges operated by the authority or its affiliates or subsidiaries,  
16 provide for bicycle parking at all passenger stations operated by the  
17 authority or its affiliates or subsidiaries, and, where feasible, expand  
18 bicycle access on equipment as such term is defined in paragraph 5 of  
19 section 1261 of the public authorities law. The strategic action plan

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 shall also include a review of the authority's and the Triborough bridge  
2 and tunnel authority's capital program plans in effect on and after  
3 January first, two thousand twenty, to determine the impact of such  
4 projects on bicycle and pedestrian access [~~and shall include any~~  
5 ~~proposed amendments and modifications to such capital program plans that~~  
6 ~~the authority deems necessary to accomplish the purposes of this~~  
7 ~~section~~]. Within one year of the effective date of this act, the chair-  
8 person of the metropolitan transportation authority shall submit a writ-  
9 ten report to the governor, temporary president of the senate, speaker  
10 of the assembly and mayor of the city of New York, detailing the strate-  
11 gic action plan conducted pursuant to this act. Such report shall be  
12 made available to the public on the metropolitan transportation authori-  
13 ty's website.

14 § 2. Subdivision 11 of section 1269-b of the public authorities law,  
15 as added by a chapter of the laws of 2021 amending the public authori-  
16 ties law relating to requiring the metropolitan transportation authority  
17 to develop a strategic action plan to improve bicycle and pedestrian  
18 access at its bridges and passenger stations, as proposed in legislative  
19 bills numbers S. 4943-B and A. 6235-B, is amended to read as follows:

20 11. In formulating their capital program plans, the authority and its  
21 affiliates and subsidiaries shall consider [~~the impact of any proposed~~  
22 ~~plan, amendment or modification submitted pursuant to this section on]~~  
23 bicycle and pedestrian accessibility. [~~Such consideration shall be made~~  
24 ~~in consultation with the Long Island rail road commuter's council, the~~  
25 ~~Metro-North rail commuter council and the New York city transit authori-~~  
26 ~~ty advisory council.]~~

27 § 3. Subdivision 1 of section 1266-e of the public authorities law, as  
28 amended by a chapter of the laws of 2021 amending the public authorities  
29 law relating to requiring the metropolitan transportation authority to  
30 develop a strategic action plan to improve bicycle and pedestrian access  
31 at its bridges and passenger stations, as proposed in legislative bills  
32 numbers S. 4943-B and A. 6235-B, is amended to read as follows:

33 1. There is hereby created the Metro-North rail commuter council to  
34 study, investigate, monitor and make recommendations with respect to the  
35 maintenance and operation of those portions of, if any, the Hudson,  
36 Harlem, New Haven, Pascack Valley and Port Jervis commuter railroad  
37 lines remaining within the metropolitan commuter transportation  
38 district. Such council shall study and investigate all aspects of the  
39 day to day operation of such railroad lines, monitor their performance  
40 and recommend changes to improve the efficiency of the operation there-  
41 of. Such council shall study and make recommendations in regard to  
42 improving bicycle and pedestrian access at bridges, stations and other  
43 facilities operated by such railroad lines and submit such recommenda-  
44 tions to the metropolitan transportation authority on or before June  
45 first, two thousand twenty-two and every five years thereafter.

46 § 4. Subdivision 1 of section 1266-d of the public authorities law, as  
47 amended by a chapter of the laws of 2021 amending the public authorities  
48 law relating to requiring the metropolitan transportation authority to  
49 develop a strategic action plan to improve bicycle and pedestrian access  
50 at its bridges and passenger stations, as proposed in legislative bills  
51 numbers S. 4943-B and A. 6235-B, is amended to read as follows:

52 1. There is hereby created the Long Island rail road commuter's coun-  
53 cil, to study, investigate, monitor and make recommendations with  
54 respect to the maintenance and operation of the Long Island rail road.  
55 Such council shall study and investigate all aspects of the day to day  
56 operations of such railroad, monitor its performance and recommend

1 changes to improve the efficiency of the operation thereof. Such council  
2 shall study and make recommendations in regard to improving bicycle and  
3 pedestrian access at bridges, stations and other facilities operated by  
4 the Long Island Railroad and submit such recommendations to the metro-  
5 politan transportation authority on or before June first, two thousand  
6 twenty-two and every five years thereafter.

7 § 5. Subdivisions 1 and 2 of section 1204-e of the public authorities  
8 law, as amended by a chapter of the laws of 2021 amending the public  
9 authorities law relating to requiring the metropolitan transportation  
10 authority to develop a strategic action plan to improve bicycle and  
11 pedestrian access at its bridges and passenger stations, as proposed in  
12 legislative bills numbers S. 4943-B and A. 6235-B, are amended to read  
13 as follows:

14 1. There is hereby created the New York city transit authority advi-  
15 sory council, to study, investigate, monitor and make recommendations  
16 with respect to the maintenance and operation of the New York city tran-  
17 sit authority, its subsidiaries and the Staten Island rapid transit  
18 operating authority. Such council shall study and investigate all  
19 aspects of the day to day operations of such authority, its subsidiaries  
20 and the Staten Island rapid transit operating authority, monitor their  
21 performance and recommend changes to improve the efficiency of the oper-  
22 ation thereof. Such council shall study and make recommendations in  
23 regard to improving bicycle and pedestrian access on trains and buses,  
24 and at bridges, stations and other facilities operated by the authority,  
25 its affiliates and subsidiaries and the Staten Island rapid transit  
26 operating authority and submit such recommendations to the metropolitan  
27 transportation authority on or before June first, two thousand twenty-  
28 two and every five years thereafter.

29 2. Such council shall consist of [~~eighteen~~] sixteen members who shall  
30 be commuters who regularly use the transportation services of such  
31 authorities. [~~Eight~~] Six of such members shall be appointed by the  
32 governor upon the recommendation of the mayor of the city of New York;  
33 five upon the recommendation of the president of the city council of the  
34 city of New York; and five other members appointed upon the recommenda-  
35 tion one by each of the borough presidents of the boroughs of the city  
36 of New York. Provided, however, that [~~three members~~] one member recom-  
37 mended by the mayor of New York shall have a demonstrated expertise or  
38 interest in the promotion and development of improved bicycle and pedes-  
39 trian access at bridges, stations and other facilities operated by the  
40 metropolitan transportation authority, as created by section twelve  
41 hundred sixty-three of this article, and such authority's affiliates and  
42 subsidiaries. The chairman shall be a member selected by the membership  
43 of the committee. Each of the members shall serve for a term of two  
44 years, provided, however, that of the first appointments, two appointed  
45 upon the recommendation of the mayor and two appointed upon the recom-  
46 mendation of the president of the city council shall serve for a term of  
47 one year. Vacancies occurring other than by expiration of term shall be  
48 filled in the same manner as the original appointments for the balance  
49 of the unexpired term.

50 § 6. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same  
51 manner as a chapter of the laws of 2021 amending the public authorities  
52 law relating to requiring the metropolitan transportation authority to  
53 develop a strategic action plan to improve bicycle and pedestrian access  
54 at its bridges and passenger stations, as proposed in legislative bills  
55 numbers S. 4943-B and A. 6235-B, takes effect.