

# How congestion pricing will benefit Long Island



## Our region's transit system is in crisis

**Congestion pricing is a realistic step we can take to reduce traffic, cut air pollution, and increase funding for public transportation.**

- ▶ Congestion pricing would charge drivers entering Manhattan below 60<sup>th</sup> Street at certain times, and use the revenue for transit improvements.
- ▶ Only 0.8% of Suffolk County residents and 1.8% of Nassau County residents drive to work in the congestion pricing zone.
- ▶ In London, congestion pricing has improved transit, reduced traffic congestion by 15%, and reduced greenhouse gas emissions by 20%.
- ▶ If congestion pricing is not passed, the MTA has said LIRR fares would need to increase by at least 27% to pay for improvements

## Improvements are underway — but need funding

- ▶ Direct LIRR service into Grand Central when East Side Access is complete
- ▶ Platform replacements and technology upgrades at many stations
- ▶ A new electric train storage yard on the Main Line in central Suffolk County
- ▶ Improve signaling for improved service at Babylon Station
- ▶ A new 13 mile track between Farmingdale and Ronkonkoma (the LIRR Double Track) to expand and improve service — completed September, 2018
- ▶ Modernize more than 9 miles of the Main Line between Floral Park and Hicksville (LIRR Third Track) to provide more reliable service for 40% of LIRR riders

## Help New Yorkers get where they need to go — Get congestion pricing passed in 2019!

Sources: MTA Capital Program Dashboard, Fast Forward 2018.



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