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Hon. Andrew Cuomo
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Dear Governor Cuomo:

I was pleased too recently learn of two modifications that are available for use on MTA buses, which I believe, will improve the quality of New York City's bus service.

Transit Signal Priority allows traffic signals to communicate with nearby buses to hold green lights for a few extra seconds as a bus approaches an intersection. NYC DOT has largely completed installing hardware for TSP on street signals citywide; the MTA has failed to purchase the necessary software to operate TSP on city buses. The MTA should roll out TSP on buses system-wide as soon as possible to increase bus speeds and improve on schedule service times.

All – door boarding with electronic proof of payment significantly reduces bus stop “dwelling” TIMES. As the MTA begins planning to replace the MetroCard, the agency should ensure that all-door boarding with electronic proof of payment is expanded to all city buses.

These two low cost technical improvements can significantly increase the efficiency of bus service. I urge you to encourage the MTA through your board appointments and leadership to adopt Transit Signal Priority and AI Door Boarding in the months ahead.

Thanking you for your time, I remain

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Martin J. Golden'.

Martin J. Golden
Member of the Senate