

# The Straphangers call it “a raw deal,” and so should you.

Tell your State Senators, State Assembly Members and your Council Members:

You do not trust the MTA.

While you are at it, tell the elected officials who represent you that when the MTA keeps one promise – builds a major project on time, as planned and within budget – then maybe you will trust the MTA.

And just how are all the tens of thousands of commuters going to fit on already overcrowded subways, buses, trains, and Staten Island ferries while we wait decades (if not more) for new subway, bus and train lines.

## **NEW YORK POST**

### **UNFARE! TRANSIT FIX-UPS DERAILED**

By PATRICK GALLAHUE

March 25, 2008 -- The MTA is flashing a red signal at \$60 million in transit improvements the agency promised in return for fare hikes - blaming a downturn in the real-estate market.

The now twice-delayed enhancements include new and extended bus routes, longer hours of operation and increased service on many subway lines.

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"A lot of people are going to feel like they got a raw deal," said Gene Russianoff, of the Straphangers Campaign.

#### **Running late**

##### **Some of the MTA service improvements on hold:**

- Increased service on the **G, 1, 4** and **6** lines
- **3** train service from 42nd to 148th streets overnight
- Extended **R** train service to Forest Hills-71st Avenue
- Increased staffing at the 34th Street-Herald Square, 14th Street-Union Square, 42nd Street-Times Square and Bowling Green stations
- Bus-service extension to DUMBO, and new routes from the Lower East Side to Midtown east, and from Williamsburg to Midtown



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The enhancements were expected to cost \$30 million this year and \$60 million annually thereafter.

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See the entire story at:

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