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MTA Announces Environmental Message

At the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, every day is Earth Day. However, in recognition of this formalized annual event, environmentally educational messages are appearing through the middle of May in all 5,700 subway cars and 3,600 buses operated by MTA New York City Transit.

A series of eight "car cards" will remind our customers how they help the environment, such as decreasing air pollution and vehicular congestion, by using the MTA's public transportation system.

Sample messages include:

"Every bus full of passengers removes 40 cars from traffic," and "Every commuter who gets to work regularly by transit instead of by car saves about 400 gallons of gas a year."

"My administration is dedicated to improving the environment throughout the New York region. With its environmental focus, the MTA is making an outstanding effort toward achieving this goal and improving the quality of life for all New Yorkers," said Governor George E. Pataki.

"Using the MTA's Long Island and Metro-North commuter railroads also helps clean the planet. Each full rail car keeps 75 to 125 cars off the road every day."

E. Virgil Conway, Chairman of the MTA said, "In addition to the fundamental benefits that transit provides, the MTA's recently announced 'Clean Fuel Bus Plan' will put 500 clean fuel buses on New York City streets over the next few years."

Finally, since MTA Bridges and Tunnels implemented the extremely successful E-ZPass electronic toll collection system at all its crossings in December 1996, idling times at toll booths have been dramatically reduced, thereby also reducing regional vehicular emissions.