

BOARD RESOLUTION

1. That it is unacceptable that serial criminal recidivists (e.g., individuals committing repeated acts of physical and/or sexual assault, robbery, etc.) are able to continually enter the public transit system to prey upon MTA workers and the riding public;
2. That there can and should be some mechanism in place to ban certain perpetrators repeatedly convicted of serious crimes from the transit system for some amount of time in order to protect the public;
3. That MTA facilities are different, and therefore should be treated differently, than the open streets and communities of the MTA region;
4. That there is a shared responsibility among the legislature, law enforcement and the MTA to protect MTA workers and the riding public, and that responsibility is greater than our responsibility to provide access to public transportation to those who seek to rob, sexually or otherwise assault members of the public using the public transportation system;
5. That law enforcement should have more tools at their disposal and more support from the criminal justice system to address the issue of serial recidivists;
6. That the NY State legislature and the criminal justice system, in close coordination with the MTA, should take decisive action regarding the issue of serial criminal recidivists who seek to prey on workers and/or members of the riding public, such as by authorizing courts to ban them from the transit system for some amount of time; and
7. That until that action is taken, the MTA will work with the law enforcement and criminal justice community to recommend and seek significant penalties for serial criminals preying upon workers or the public in the transit system.