

# **Bridges & Tunnels Committee / Board Meeting**

**Wednesday, 5/20/2026**

**Time TBD**

**1. Summary of Actions - None**

**2. Public Comments Period**

**3. Approval of Minutes**

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**6. Procurements- None**

**7. Information Item**

**MONTHLY MEETING OF  
TRIBOROUGH BRIDGE AND TUNNEL AUTHORITY COMMITTEE**

**April 27, 2026**

**9:00 a.m.**

In attendance were the Honorable:

Samuel Chu, Acting Chair  
David Mack  
James O'Donnell  
Andrew Albert  
Randolph Glucksman

Also in Attendance:  
Gerard Bringmann  
Janno Lieber, MTA Chair & CEO

In Person:

Charlie Chavez, Senior Vice President, Security & Operations, and Chief of Department  
Romolo De Santis, C&D Senior Vice President and TBTA Chief Engineer  
Paul L. Friman, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary  
David Hanley, Assistant Deputy Chief, MTA Procurement Operations  
Diane Kenneally, Chief of Staff and Chief Administrative Officer  
Stephen Knapp, Senior Vice President, Tolling Management  
Edwin T. King, Executive Vice President  
Matthew Medina, MTAPD Chief of Operations & Field Services  
Rose Pascone, Assistant Director, Government and Community Relations  
Catherine T. Sheridan, P.E., President  
Thomas Taffe, MTAPD Chief  
Marlene Thompson, Senior Vice President, Facility Management  
Krishna Venkataswami, Assistant Vice President, Intelligent Transportation Systems

# MONTHLY MEETING OF TRIBOROUGH BRIDGE AND TUNNEL AUTHORITY COMMITTEE

**April 27, 2026**

Minutes of TBTA Committee held April 27, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. A list of those in attendance is attached.

## **Public Speakers**

The following speakers commented during the public speakers' session:

- Jesse Figueroa about operational performance.
- Aleta Dupree about congestion pricing.
- Murray Bodin about reflective gear.

## **Minutes**

As a quorum of the Committee was not in attendance, Acting Chair Chu postponed the approval of the minutes of the Committee Meeting held on March 23, 2026.

## **Committee Work Plan**

President Sheridan stated that there are no changes to the TBTA Committee Work Plan.

## **President Sheridan's Remarks**

President Sheridan stated that April brings us National Work Zone Safety Awareness Week, an important annual observance and ongoing cause for TBTA. This year's theme is "Safe Actions Save Lives." Under Governor Hochul's leadership, New York keeps expanding initiatives under the state's work zone speed enforcement program, and TBTA fully supports a current legislative proposal to increase penalties for repeat violators to further strengthen protections for roadside workers and the driving public.

TBTA Chief of Staff and Chief Administrative Officer Diane Kenneally was proud to represent TBTA and the MTA at a multi-agency event last Monday in Albany. This gathering demonstrated robust support of statewide efforts to raise awareness about work zone safety alongside TBTA's partners at the New York State Department of Transportation and New York State Thruway Authority. In addition to regular "toolbox talks" for TBTA field employees that focus on strengthening situational awareness, TBTA uses digital sign messaging to advise customers on safe driving.

For the third consecutive year TBTA participated as an exhibitor at the New York International Auto Show at the Jacob Javits Center. As in past years, TBTA's display, which featured one of TBTA's fully equipped patrol vehicles, was a big hit among visitors of all ages, with high engagement and positive feedback. Employees representing all TBTA departments staffed the event. They sold more than 150 E-ZPass on-the-go tags and provided information about TBTA's facilities and tolling operations. In addition, TBTA launched a mini E-ZPass New York customer service center with representatives on hand to address customer billing and account issues. These reps assisted more than 1,000 customers over 10 days at the show.

Finally, President Sheridan acknowledged TBTA's dedicated volunteers and donors who participated in the quarterly agency Blood Drive on Randall's Island at the end of March.

## **Overview of Intelligent Transportation Systems**

Senior Vice President, Marlene Thompson, and Assistant Vice President for ITS, Krishna Venkataswami, presented a detailed overview of TBTA's Intelligent Transportation Systems division.

Refer to the video recording of the meeting, produced by the MTA and maintained in MTA records, for the details of the presentation, Commissioners' questions, and President Sheridan and Assistant Vice President Venkataswami's responses.

### **Procurements**

For April 2026, Deputy Chief Procurement Officer (DCPO) David Hanley stated that there is one (1) procurement action.

### **Non-Competitive Procurements**

DCPO Hanley stated that there are no non-competitive procurements or ratifications.

### **Competitive Procurements**

DCPO Hanley stated that there is one (1) procurement action sought for approval, as follows:

TBTA requests approval to award one competitively solicited personal service contract for Construction Management and Inspection Services, which will support Contract WBM-389/TNM-402, Bridge Preservation at the Bronx-Whitestone and Throgs Neck bridges. The award will be to M & J Engineering in the amount of \$4,262,875 dollars over a period of 4 years and 4 months. The consultant will support the bridge preservation project through task-based assignments, overseeing contractor activities and applying project management practices to monitor cost, schedule, safety, and quality control.

Acting Chair Chu deferred the approval of the procurement to the April Board meeting as a quorum of the Committee was not in attendance.

### **Presentation of Certificates of Recognition**

President Sheridan, Acting Chair Chu, and MTA Chair Lieber commended two TBTA Maintainers and three MTAPD Officers who performed extraordinary lifesaving work and exercised incredible bravery, heroism, and humanitarian judgment in handling the following two separate, extremely serious moments of crisis:

1. Late in the evening on the last day of March, TBTA Maintenance staff working near the Cross Bay Veterans Memorial Bridge tolling gantry observed flames coming from a residential home behind the facility. Maintainers Giuseppe Lattuca-Bonamico and Brian Keyes and MTAPD Officer Ryan Sullivan responded to the scene, where they acted swiftly to ensure all occupants were safely evacuated from the home. While awaiting the arrival of emergency services, they stayed with and assisted the displaced residents. This three-alarm fire ultimately resulted in the destruction of two homes and damage to a nearby restaurant, but the rapid response and sound judgment demonstrated by Guiseppe, Brian, and Officer Sullivan helped prevent an even more severe outcome.
2. On Monday, April 13th at approximately 4:00 p.m., MTAPD Officers Raheem Uddin and Jesus Alberto Fernandez were advised through the TBTA Security Operations Center of an emergency situation on the northbound side of the Bronx-Whitestone Bridge. The officers immediately responded to the location and observed a person near a vacated vehicle who appeared to be experiencing an emotional crisis. The officers engaged with

and built a rapport with the person. At an opportune moment, the officers took action to approach and take hold of the person in a safe manner without further incident. They remained with the person until the arrival of Emergency Medical Services, who transported the person to a nearby hospital.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul L. Friman  
General Counsel and Corporate Secretary



# Bridges and Tunnels

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## Committee Work Plan

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# 2026 Bridges and Tunnels Committee Work Plan

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## AGENDA ITEMS

<u>January 2026</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>
2025 Accomplishments	President
<u>February 2026</u>	
2026 Adopted Budget/Financial Plan 2026-2029	MTA Finance
2025 B&T Operating Surplus	MTA Finance
Operating Performance	Facility Mgt
<u>March 2026</u>	
Enforcement	Security & Operations
<u>April 2026</u>	
Operating Performance	Facility Mgt
<u>May 2026</u>	
Final Review of 2025 Year-End Operating Budget Results	MTA Finance
<u>June 2026</u>	
Revenue Collection	Tolling Mgt
Operating Performance	Facility Mgt
<u>July 2026</u>	
Security & Enforcement	Security & Operations
Customer & Employee Safety	Env, Health & Safety
<u>August 2026</u>	
No meeting scheduled	
<u>September 2026</u>	
2027 Preliminary Budget	MTA Finance
2026 Mid-Year Forecast	MTA Finance
Operating Performance	Facility Mgt
<u>October 2026</u>	
Revenue Collection	Tolling Mgt
<u>November 2026</u>	
2027 Proposed Committee Work Plan	Committee Chair & Members

December 2026

2027 Approve Committee Work Plan  
2027 Proposed Final Budget

Committee Chair & Members  
MTA Finance

## **RECURRING AGENDA ITEMS**

### Approval of Minutes

Approval of the official proceedings of the Committee Meeting.

### Diversity and Equal Opportunity Report

Summary of B&T workforce numbers, new hires, separations, Employee Resource Group (ERG) events and accomplishments, and complaints. The Diversity and Equal Opportunity Report provides information quarterly and included in the Committee Book.

### Financial Report

Summary presentation of the financial indicators for the month, which includes the Balance Sheet for the reported month, Accrual Statement of Operations for the month and year-to-date, variance analysis, traffic volume and ridership information, toll collection rates, and headcount charts. The Financial Report is provided on a one-month lag, except in the month of September, at which time it includes the July and August reports.

### Key Performance Metrics

A summary of major MTA Bridges and Tunnels Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), featuring graphics and analyses covering Traffic Trends, Safety Performance, Enforcement Activity, Financial Results, and Major Project Updates.

### Procurements

List of procurement action items requiring Board approval. The non-competitive items are listed first, followed by competitive items, and then ratifications. The list will indicate items that require a 2/3 vote and a majority vote of the Board for approval. Procurements are for the current month; in the month of September, the August and September procurements are included.

Staff summary documents presented to the Board for approval for items affecting business standards and practices.

# BRIDGES AND TUNNELS KEY PERFORMANCE METRICS

May 2026





This performance metrics document was prepared for the May 2026 meeting of the Bridges and Tunnels Committee.

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May 20, 2026

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# Bridges and Tunnels

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



**Catherine Sheridan**  
President, Bridges and Tunnels

May has been a month of pride, reflection, and meaningful recognition across MTA Bridges and Tunnels, offering several opportunities to honor the people, history, and values that define this agency.

On May 14, we joined the American Society of Civil Engineers for the unveiling of the ASCE Historic Landmark plaque at the Hugh L. Carey Tunnel—an acknowledgment of the engineering innovation and dedication that has sustained this iconic piece of New York’s infrastructure for more than eight decades. The designation is a tribute not only to the original designers and builders, but also to the generations of B&T employees who have operated, maintained, and modernized the tunnel to meet the needs of our region. It was a moment that underscored the essential role our crossings play in New York’s transportation network and the expertise that makes their continued success possible.

This month we also celebrated a series of milestones that highlight the strength of our workforce. At our Employee Recognition Awards, we honored dozens of colleagues whose professionalism, teamwork, and commitment to public service exemplify the best of MTA Bridges and Tunnels. Their contributions—whether on the front lines, in the field, or supporting operations behind the scenes—reflect the dedication that keeps our facilities safe and reliable every day.

We also congratulated our newest 40 graduates from our Maintainer class, who completed rigorous training and demonstrated the skill, focus, and readiness required to support the 24/7 operations of this agency. We are proud to welcome them into the B&T family and look forward to the impact they will have in the years ahead.

May also marks Peace Officer Memorial Day, a solemn reminder of the sacrifices made by law enforcement personnel across the country, including our TBTA officers and our partners at the MTA Police Department. We honor the officers who have given their lives in the line of duty and reaffirm our gratitude for the courage and professionalism demonstrated by these officers each day as they protect our customers, employees, and facilities.



Their service reflects a shared commitment to safety that is at the heart of our mission. Finally, I would like to recognize Yvette Morera for her three decades of service to MTA Bridges and Tunnels, after graduating as part of the July 2006 class of Maintainers. Yvette was one of only two women working as a maintainer at the time, starting on the night crew at the Queens-Midtown Tunnel, and she became the first woman at B&T to reach Level 3 Maintainer in the Agency's history. Yvette is known for going above and beyond her Central Maintenance Sign Shop duties, through her creative contributions to special projects requiring visual displays, including our facility anniversaries. She was recognized by the Latinos and Friends Employee Resource Group at their Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration last fall. Yvette was recently presented with the President's Award for exemplary actions for her lasting contributions to the Agency.

As we move into the summer season, I want to thank all employees for the work they do to ensure that our bridges and tunnels operate safely, efficiently, and reliably. Whether maintaining critical infrastructure, supporting customers, advancing long-term projects, or representing this agency at public events, their efforts continue to strengthen the trust New Yorkers place in our Agency. I am grateful for their dedication and proud of what we continue to accomplish together.

## 40 new maintainers

completed initial training

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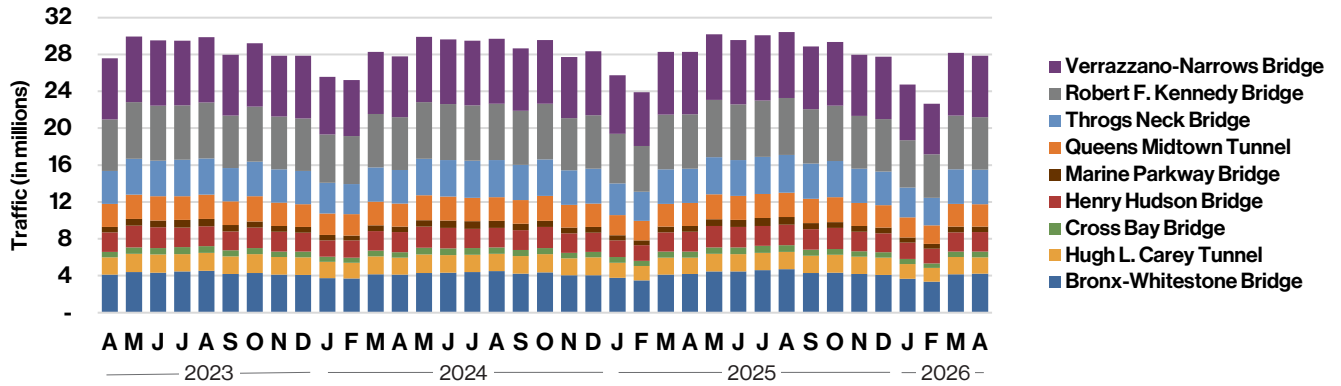
## Hugh L. Carey Tunnel

recognized by ASCE as Historic  
Civil Engineering Landmark

# Bridges and Tunnels TRAFFIC

## Total Traffic by Facility

The number of vehicles crossing each MTA Bridges and Tunnels facility.



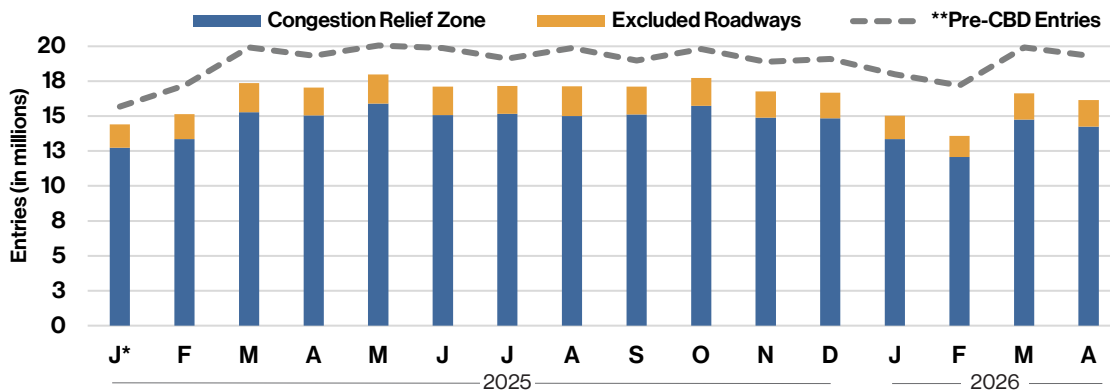
## Payment Method (Preliminary)

Preliminary assessment of a vehicle's payment method at the time of crossing a MTA Bridges and Tunnels facility.



## Congestion Relief Zone Vehicle Entries

The number of vehicles entering the Congestion Relief Zone and excluded roadways.



\*Partial month (program inception January 5, 2025)

\*\*Pre-CBD Entries calculated using 2022 / 2023 data



## Data Review

Traffic at MTA Bridges and Tunnels in April 2026 declined by 417,881 vehicles, or 1.5%, compared to April 2025. The Bronx-Whitestone Bridge and Throgs Neck Bridge were the only crossings with increases, up 35,539 vehicles, or 0.9%, and 23,034 vehicles, or 0.6%, respectively. All other crossings declined, with the largest volume decreases at the Robert F. Kennedy Bridge, down 172,784 vehicles, or 2.9%, and the Verrazzano-Narrows Bridge, down 121,249 vehicles, or 1.8%.

Year-to-date traffic through April 2026 was down 2,762,198 vehicles, or 2.6%, compared to the same period in 2025, partly due to snowstorms in January and February. The largest declines were at the Robert F. Kennedy Bridge, down 760,685 vehicles, or 3.4%, and the Verrazzano-Narrows Bridge, down 742,484 vehicles, or 2.9%. The Cross Bay Bridge had the largest percentage decline, down 8.9%.

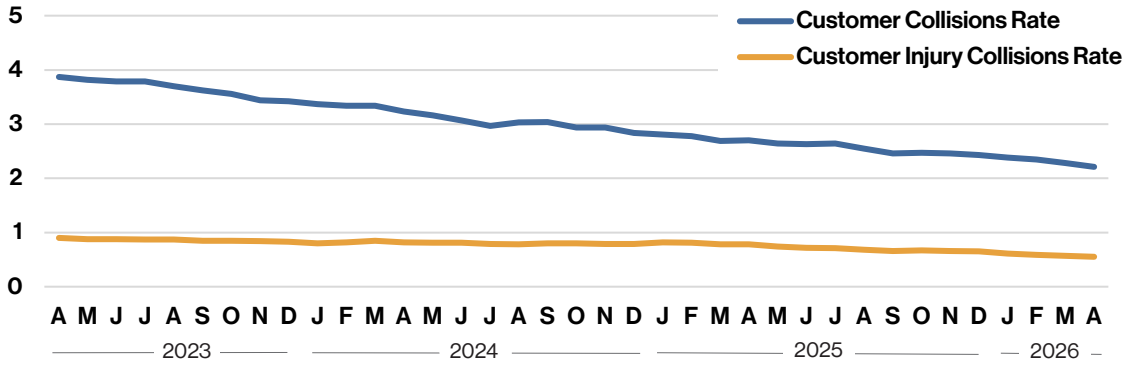
Year-to-date CBD entries, including the CRZ and Excluded Roadways, totaled 61,408,112 vehicles, averaging 511,734 vehicles per day. CRZ entries accounted for 54,438,577 vehicles, averaging 453,655 vehicles per day. Compared to 2025, average daily CBD entries were down 7.2% while CRZ entries were down 6.8%.

## Moving Forward

CBD entries and total traffic across MTA Bridges and Tunnels facilities are expected to increase in May 2026, based on historical seasonal traffic patterns. However, increases in gas prices could further impact 2026 traffic volumes.

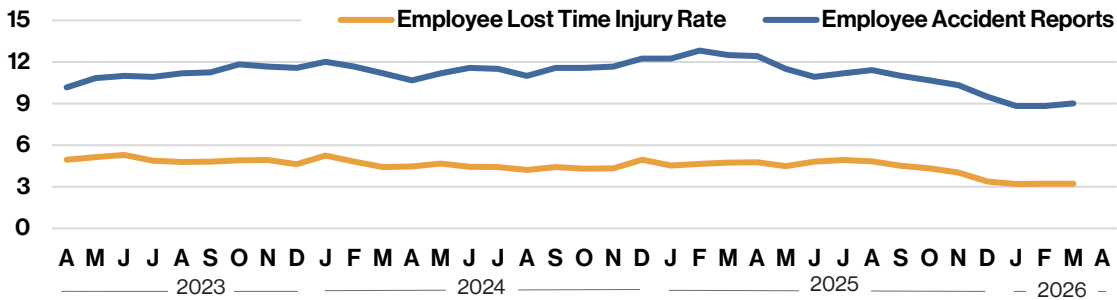
### Customer Collision Rate and Customer Collision Injury Rate

The rate of customer vehicle collisions per one million vehicles and the rate of customer injuries from collisions per one million vehicles (12-month rolling average).



### Employee Lost Time Injury Rate and Employee Accident Reports

The rate of employee lost time accidents per 200,000 hours worked and the number of reported employee accidents (12-month rolling average).



# SAFETY

## Data Review

In April 2026, MTA Bridges and Tunnels recorded a total collision rate of 2.21 per million vehicles, a 18.1% decrease from the rate of 2.70 per million vehicles recorded in April 2025. The collisions-with-injury per million vehicles also declined to 0.55, a 29.5% reduction from last year's rate of 0.78. The lost-time injury rate for March 2026 was 3.22, which constitutes a 32.2% decrease relative to March 2025, when the rate was 4.75.

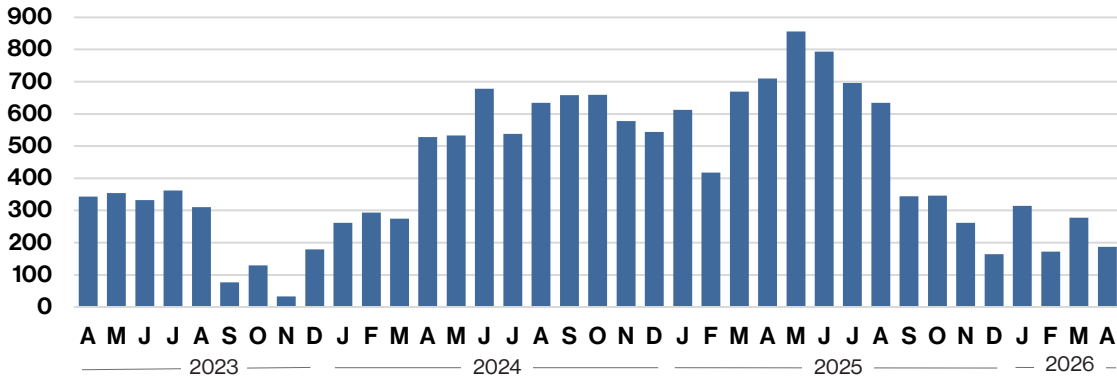
## Moving Forward

MTA Bridges and Tunnels staff and joint partners continue to reduce collisions through engineering, education, and enforcement. Facility-specific initiatives, including increased safety inspections, high-hazard work activity reviews, and enhanced safety training, have further strengthened injury reduction efforts.

# Bridges and Tunnels ENFORCEMENT

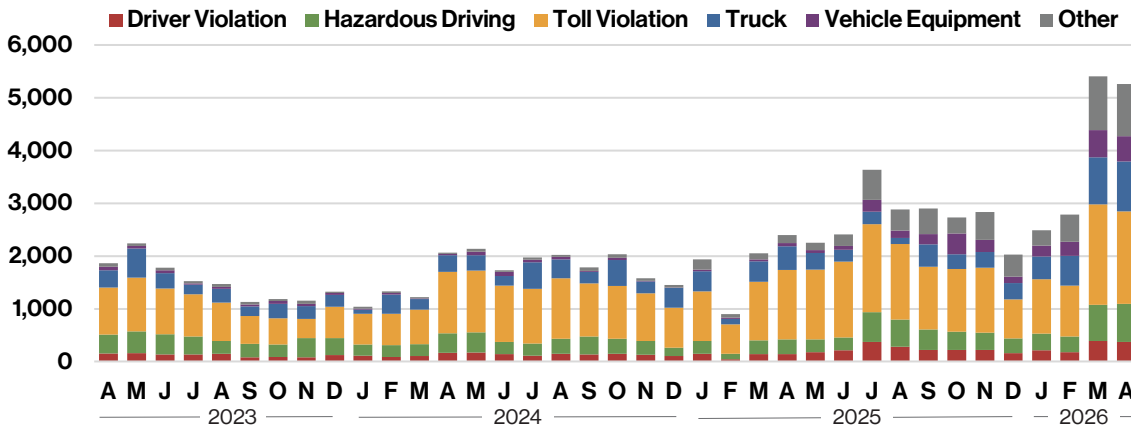
## Roadway Interdictions

The number of vehicles interdicted on MTA Bridges and Tunnels includes MTAPD since July 2025.



## Summonses

The number of summonses issued across MTA Bridges and Tunnels facilities.



## Data Review

In April 2026, MTA Bridges and Tunnels continued its focused enforcement efforts to address toll evasion across the system. These operations led to the interdiction of 187 persistent toll violators and the issuance of 5,265 summonses. This summons activity marks a 119.7% increase over April 2025 (2,397 summonses), underscoring the agency's commitment to accountability and compliance.

## Moving Forward

Enforcement operations expanded across multiple facilities with an emphasis on visible, consistent enforcement and the strategic deployment of resources. In coordination with regional law enforcement partners, MTA Bridges and Tunnels will further expand joint enforcement operations during the month of May as part of its ongoing efforts to combat toll evasion and enhance systemwide compliance.



# FINANCIAL RESULTS

## 2026 Revenues & Expenses, April Year-to-Date

*\$ in millions favorable / (unfavorable)*

Bridge and Tunnel Facilities	Budget	Actual	Variance
<b>Total Non-Reimbursable Revenues</b>	<b>\$864.6</b>	<b>\$864.8</b>	<b>\$0.3</b>
Toll Revenue	\$855.1	\$853.9	(\$1.2)
Other Revenue	\$9.4	\$10.9	\$1.5
<b>Total Non-Reimbursable Expenses</b>	<b>\$155.2</b>	<b>\$149.0</b>	<b>\$6.2</b>
Labor Expenses	\$80.0	\$83.7	(\$3.8)
Non-Labor Expenses	\$75.2	\$65.2	\$10.0
<b>Non Cash Liabilities</b>	<b>\$78.1</b>	<b>\$80.1</b>	<b>(\$2.0)</b>
<b>Net Surplus / (Deficit) - Accrued</b>	<b>\$709.4</b>	<b>\$715.9</b>	<b>\$6.5</b>

<b>Total Support to Mass Transit</b>	<b>\$516.0</b>	<b>\$555.6</b>	<b>\$39.6</b>
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Congestion Relief Zone	Budget	Actual	Variance
Total revenue	<b>\$217.0</b>	<b>\$242.9</b>	<b>\$25.9</b>
Program expenses	<b>\$48.4</b>	<b>\$37.6</b>	<b>\$10.8</b>
<b>Net Surplus / (Deficit) - Accrued</b>	<b>\$168.5</b>	<b>\$205.3</b>	<b>\$36.7</b>

## Staffing Levels

Positions (Full-Time Equivalents)	Budget	Actual	Variance
Non-Reimbursable	867	809	58
Reimbursable	72	66	6
<b>Total Positions</b>	<b>939</b>	<b>875</b>	<b>64</b>

## Data Review

Year-to-Date toll revenue is \$1.2 million below the Adopted Budget. Total non-reimbursable expenses are favorable by \$6.2 million, primarily due to the timing of non-labor expenses. Total Support to Mass Transit is \$555.6 million, which is \$39.6 million favorable. Year-to-Date CRZ revenue is favorable to budget by \$25.9 million, with a year-to-date net surplus of \$36.7 million.

## Moving Forward

The Agency remains dedicated to keeping its facilities in a state of good repair and providing support to Mass Transit. These goals are accomplished by implementing cost-effective strategies for operational efficiencies and management of expenses.

### Throgs Neck Bridge Underdeck Platform Installation



MTA Construction & Development recently began active construction on a contract to keep the Throgs Neck Bridge approaches in a state of good repair. The \$118 million, 34-month contract, which was awarded in December 2025, provides for miscellaneous structural rehabilitation and painting of the Bronx and Queens approaches of the bridge. This project is required due to a high level of truck traffic on the bridge which greatly contributes to the load fatigue of steel elements.

Work under the contract includes repair and replacement of various steel elements, including sub-floor beams, floor beams, stringers, and deck rib bearing plates, as well as replacement of bolts at the Bronx and Queens approaches. The contract also includes replacement of hanger assemblies and tower wind pins at the Bronx and Queens towers, which provide critical support to the roadway at the towers.

The painting work includes brush blasting and painting of nine spans of the Bronx approach, as well as spot cleaning and painting of the rest of the approach structure. This work will extend the life of the overall paint system on the Bronx approach steel, which was last painted in 2014.

The structural steel work was bundled with painting work under one contract to take advantage of the under-deck access platforms being installed under the Bronx and Queens approach viaducts, which can be used for both types of work. Use of the under-deck platforms will ensure that traffic impacts from this project are negligible. The contractor is currently installing the temporary under-deck platform in preparation for the steel repairs.







## **ABOUT THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AND BRIDGES AND TUNNELS**

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority is North America's largest transportation network, serving a population of 15.3 million people across a 5,000 square-mile travel area surrounding New York City through Long Island, southeastern New York State, and Connecticut.

MTA Bridges and Tunnels is comprised of over 1,000 employees and operates seven bridges and two tunnels in New York City, handling over 330 million vehicle crossings every year in addition to managing the Congestion Relief Zone.

The MTA is governed by a 23-member Board, organized in eight committees. Members of the Bridges and Tunnels Committee include:

- David Mack, Co-Chair
- Samuel Chu, Co-Chair
- Andrew Albert
- Randolph Glucksman
- James O'Donnell
- Lisa Sorin

