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“New Normal” of Extreme Weather Highlights Need for Interagency Investment

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The following statement can be attributed to Lisa Daglian, Executive Director, Permanent Citizens Advisory Committee to the MTA (PCAC):

“Last night’s downpour highlighted the need for significant investment and partnership in flood prevention, largely within the City’s purview and capital plan. Water seeks the lowest point, so subway stations unfortunately bear the brunt of the storm, despite the need for better drainage and pumping capabilities on the City’s end. The 28th Street geyser shouldn’t be the expected rule, but a rare exception, and we’re impressed that MTA crews were able to restore service across the system in time for the morning rush. Tools like subway grate covers and flood barriers are also key, as recommended by the MTA’s forward-looking Climate Resilience Roadmap. We look forward to many of these projects in the MTA’s 2025-29 Capital Plan, fully funded thanks to Governor Hochul and the Legislature, that will help make the MTA more resilient to our new normal.”