

Headlines: MTA finances improved; Council redistricting called unfair

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State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli says the M.T.A.'s finances have improved after years of crises thanks to increased ridership, higher tax collection, and cost-cutting measures. But he noted that [fare hikes](#) outpace inflation and [financing sources](#) for future projects remain unclear. The legal challenge to the [payroll tax](#) was also raised as a significant hurdle. Meanwhile, the state budget has generally [stabilized](#) from the recent past, when it lurched from multi-billion dollar crisis to crisis, he said.

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