

**A Public Service from Keep NYC Congestion Tax Free:**

The public ought to know that the 13-member *Commission on Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) Financing*, established by Governor David Paterson [earlier this year](#) and chaired by former MTA Chairman Richard Ravitch, has four public meetings beginning September 15. The “Ravitch Commission” as it is known, “is charged with recommending strategies to fund MTA capital projects and operating needs over the next ten years,” according to the Governor's statement. Interestingly it has a deadline *after* this November's election: December 5, 2008. Many [alternative](#) revenues would resource mass transit without screwing hard working working and middle class New Yorkers.

The tentative meeting dates – **September 15** (Manhattan), **September 22** (Nassau County), and **September 24** (Westchester) – provide **NO** opportunities for residents of four NYC boroughs (Brooklyn, Queens, Staten Island and The Bronx) and two suburban counties (Rockland and Suffolk) the MTA serves. This needs to change. In the meantime, concerned residents who cannot testify in person at these INVITATION-ONLY hearings, “is invited to submit” their recommendations and comments by regular mail to: Ravitch Commission, 633 Third Avenue, 38th Floor, New York, NY 10017, or via email: [Ravitch\\_Commission@chamber.state.ny.us](mailto:Ravitch_Commission@chamber.state.ny.us).

Manhattan – two sessions

Monday, September 15, 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 - 5:00 p.m.  
Eisner-Lubin Auditorium, NYU Kimmel Center  
60 Washington Square South, New York, NY

Nassau County

Monday, September 22, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
Ceremonial Chambers, County Executive Building  
1550 Franklin Ave, 2nd Floor, Mineola

Westchester

Wednesday, September 24, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
Westchester County Center  
198 Central Ave, White Plains

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