



Queens senator vows that the MTA will finally be held accountable

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Attention, riders: there's a new sheriff in town — and he's gunning for the mismanaged MTA!

With Democrats about to take power in the state Senate, the incoming chairman of the committee with oversight of the embattled transit agency is vowing to hold public hearings on the sorry state of the city's subway system.

Sen. Leroy Comrie (D-Queens) told The Post that he plans to summon top MTA officials — including NYC Transit chief Andy Byford — to testify before the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions about their failure to smooth the ride for long-suffering strap-hangers.

“The committee was not active in looking at the MTA. We will be now,” Comrie said.

“There will be accountability. We have to make sure our transit system gets back to a condition to where we have increased ridership.”

Comrie, who said the MTA has “neglected” passengers, pledged to examine the bungling that led to massive cost overruns on the Second Avenue subway and long delays in federally mandated safety improvements, including “positive train control” technology to prevent crashes.

“We will have an active working relationship with the governor. But there will be checks and balances — definitely,” Comrie said.

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