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## ART CHANG RELEASES COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION POLICY, CALLS FOR UBER & LYFT DATA TO BETTER INFORM BUS ROUTES

**New York, NY --** Mayoral Candidate Art Chang has released his policy on Transportation. In a city where millions of commuters depend on public transportation to get to work every day, our transit systems need to be able to keep up. In addition to pressing Albany to properly fund this vital service, Chang's proposal includes revamping Access-A-Ride, building subway countdown clocks above ground outside of stations, and prioritizing pedestrians by increasing the number of car-free open streets.

He also has a firm commitment to maintaining bike lanes. "As an avid biker, I've unfortunately witnessed firsthand the results of poorly planned and dangerously disrupted bike lanes. When I was the project manager on the Queens West development, we built it with bike lanes as a priority: curved streets and well-structured bike lanes naturally slowed car traffic and as a result, between 2016 and 2020, there were 0 cyclist deaths and only 5 cyclist injuries in the entire Queens West area."

Notably, Chang has a plan to utilize Uber, Lyft, and Taxi data to better plan bus routes. "Because Rideshare usage and Taxis run the routes that aren't properly served by public transportation, we can use that data to understand what parts of the city are being neglected by public transit. By gathering data of where people take Ubers, we can rework our bus route map to better serve everyone, especially going between outer boroughs," Chang's policy outlines.

You can read Chang's full Transportation policy here: www.chang.nyc/transportation

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