



# CITIZENS BUDGET COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT ON PLANYC 2030 BY THE CITIZENS BUDGET COMMISSION

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**New York, NY – April 22, 2007** – The Citizens Budget Commission today released the following statement by its president Diana Fortuna on New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg’s PlaNYC 2030 initiative:

The Citizens Budget Commission is committed to promoting economic growth and competitiveness. Long-term strategic planning and investments in critical infrastructure are essential to this goal. The PlaNYC initiative is a bold step in addressing the needs of a growing city. The forward-thinking planning process it represents deserves broad public support.

The CBC is especially pleased that the initiative places emphasis on achieving a state of good repair for key aspects of the city’s infrastructure, including the water and sewer system, highways and bridges, and mass transit. In addition, the plan encourages a congestion pricing system, which has the potential to alleviate burdensome, expensive traffic and provide revenue needed to restore and expand the city’s transportation system.

We look forward to working with government officials and the civic community to advance a policy agenda that will make the city more vibrant and competitive in future decades.

*Founded in 1932, the Citizens Budget Commission is a nonpartisan, nonprofit civic organization devoted to influencing constructive change in the finances and services of New York State and New York City governments.*

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