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STATEMENT ON MTA'S PLAN TO RESPOND TO PROBLEM OF RIDERS BEING STRUCK BY SUBWAY TRAINS

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The problem of riders being struck by subway trains is a serious one – and a challenging one. There are many questions, including: How to make the riding public fully aware of the dangers? Are there effective technologies that would prevent these incidents? And if there are, how to pay for it?

The Straphangers Campaign thinks the MTA is taking it seriously, responding to public outcries in the wake of high profile incidents of riders being pushed to their deaths.

In a presentation today, MTA New York City Transit spelled out a comprehensive communications strategy, as well as both the benefits and challenges of technological responses. These include "train platform screen doors" and "intrusion detection technology."

This is an issue that should not go away. Transit officials must follow through and officials and riders groups should actively monitor what progress there has been.