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Subway Policing Plan Price Tag Varies Widely Based on NYPD Overtime Practices

January 30, 2025 – In her State of the State address, Governor Hochul announced a new subway policing initiative to address public safety concerns among overnight subway riders. According to the New York City Independent Budget Office, the program is estimated to **cost between \$61 million and \$159 million**, depending on whether NYPD overtime is assigned based on seniority and rank—an informal but common practice.

If **only rookie officers** were assigned overtime, IBO estimates the program could cost \$61 million, which is \$93 million less than Governor Hochul’s \$154 million projection.

If overtime is assigned based **on seniority and rank**, as is common NYPD practice, the cost could reach \$159 million, which is \$5 million more than the Governor’s estimate.

Since this program began on January 20, 2025, and until the State passes their final budget, New York City is expected to cover the full cost of the program.

This analysis only estimates the costs of the total program that would be covered by New York State and New York City. It excludes pension costs and focuses solely on annual salaries. IBO’s analysis does not evaluate the effectiveness of this policy on crime rates. According to [NYPD data](#), 2024 subway crime rates have decreased 5.4 percent compared to 2023.

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