NYC transit app competition asks public to vote

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The agency that runs New York City's subways and buses is inviting the public to try out and weigh in on dozens of new apps designed to ease getting around.

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority and AT&T released 49 new apps on Tuesday. They were developed in a competition to create new mobile tools that draw on real-time MTA data.

Users can vote through Sept. 10 on their favorite app. Winners will be announced at the end of September.

Competitors are vying for $40,000 in prize money, provided by Dallas-based AT&T Inc.

A panel of tech experts will choose some winners. The public vote will select others.

The MTA offers its own apps but also has made a practice of inviting developers to use its data.

More information: 2013mtaappquest.challengepost.com/submissions

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