



Community Board 12 - Manhattan Washington Heights & Inwood

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July 5, 2019

Hon. Andy Byford
President MTA New York City Transit
130 Livingston Street
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Hon. Fernando Ferrer
Acting Chairman
130 Livingston Street
Brooklyn, N Y 11201

Re: Resolution Proposing Bus Service for A-Train Stations at 184th and 190th Street Stations

Dear President Andy Byford and Chairman Ferrer:

At the General Meeting, Tuesday, June 25, 2019, Community Board 12 Manhattan, passed the following resolution with a vote of 38 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention, requests that scheduled shuttle service be provided for those needing it to travel between the current entrances of the elevator system linking the two levels of our vertically separated communities for the entire time that the elevators are not available during the proposed MTA elevator rehabilitation project.

Whereas: The elevator connections between Overlook Terrace and Fort Washington Avenue at 184th St. provided by the MTA have been community amenity for numerous decades thanks to the efforts of the late State Senator Joe Zaretski, and other visionary elected officials of the time, and,

Whereas: This special vertical link has engendered and forged several communities with members both above and below the massive cliff that would otherwise separate them, and,

Whereas: These groups include senior citizens, the disabled, families many with young children, and others who under their circumstances would find ascending and descending this historic cliff otherwise impossible, and,

Whereas: This same cliff was sufficiently formidable that it comprised much of the eastern defense of Fort Washington, which is now within the area of Bennett Park, and,

Whereas: All of these communities will have their activities disrupted, if not entirely quashed, but the impending simultaneous closing for the repair of all of the elevators at this 181st St. A train station, and,

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Whereas: Accommodation is being made by the production company of Lin-Manuel Miranda's musical "In the Heights" at the own expense to provide shuttle service while the famous graffiti tunnel entrance at 190th St. for the number 1 line is closed as part of their filming, and,

Whereas: It is vital for the health and well-being of our entire community, as well as the numerous individuals personally involved, to avoid any harmful impending vertical travel disruption be mitigated, now, therefore, be it

Resolved: Community Board 12, Manhattan, requests that scheduled shuttle service be provided for those needing it to travel between the current entrances of the elevator system linking the two levels of our vertically separated communities for the entire time that the elevators are not available.

Sincerely,


Richard R. Lewis
Chairperson

cc: Hon. Andrew Cuomo, Governor
Hon. Bill de Blasio, Mayor
Hon. Polly Trottenberg, DOT Commissioner
Hon. Edward Pincar, DOT Borough Commissioner
Hon. Jumaane Williams, Public Advocate
Hon. Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President
Hon. Scott M. Stringer, Comptroller
Hon. Adriano Espaillat, Congressman
Hon. Thomas DiNapoli, NYS Comptroller

Hon. Robert Jackson, State Senator
Hon. Brian Benjamin, State Senator
Hon. Al Taylor, Assembly Member
Hon. Carmen De La Rosa, Assembly Member
Hon. Ydanis Rodriguez, Council Member
Hon. Mark Levine, Council Member
Hon. Victor Calise, Commissioner MOPD
Hon. Edgardo Ramos, US District Judge
Edith Prentiss, NYSILC Council Member &
President of Disabled in Action