



## Community Board 12 - Manhattan Washington Heights & Inwood

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October 24, 2019

Hon. Andy Byford  
President MTA New York City Transit  
130 Livingston Street  
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Hon. Patrick J. Foye  
Chairman  
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**Re: Resolution requesting improvements to the Shuttle Bus Service at the 184<sup>th</sup> Street Entrance of the A Train Station at 181<sup>st</sup> Street.**

Dear President Byford and Chairman Foye:

At the General Meeting, Tuesday, October 22, 2019, Community Board 12 Manhattan, passed the following resolution with a vote of 38 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstention, calling upon the MTA to improve the marketing and publication of the Shuttle Bus Service, while simultaneously providing a formal schedule, an increase and announcement of bus shuttle stops, and to keep the Shuttle Bus Service in operation for the duration of construction of the elevators until they are back in full operation.

Whereas: The MTA announced the launch of a shuttle bus service to offset the loss of vital elevator service connections between Overlook Terrace and Fort Washington Avenue at 184<sup>th</sup> Street; and,

Whereas: The Shuttle Bus Service has been in operation since August 2019 and was implemented to assist groups, including but not limited to, senior citizens, the disabled, families including those with young children, and others who under their circumstances would find ascending and descending the elevation between Overlook Terrace and Fort Washington Avenue; and,

Whereas: The ridership of the Shuttle Bus Service has been low due to a lack of adequate marketing and publicity; and,

Whereas: The Shuttle Bus Service has had infrequent service with no formalized published schedule or timetable; and,

Whereas: The Shuttle Bus Service has not published a universally recognized bus route with clear shuttle stops signs pronounced; and,

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Whereas: The Shuttle Bus Service initially went into operation with an expected service-life of two months until the end of September 2019; and,

Whereas: Community Board 12-Manhattan passed a resolution in May 2019 requesting the need for a Shuttle Bus Service to serve community members who regularly used the Elevators at the 181<sup>st</sup> Street A Train Station as a vital mode of transportation for members of CB12; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: Community Board 12-Manhattan calls upon the MTA to improve the marketing and publication of the Shuttle Bus Service, while simultaneously providing a formal schedule, an increase and announcement of bus shuttle stops, and to keep the Shuttle Bus Service in operation for the duration of construction of the elevators until they are back in full operation.

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

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### Re: **Resolution reinstating Eliminated Bx7 Bus Stops in Washington Heights and Inwood via the Bronx Bus Redesign**

Dear President Byford & Chairman Foye:

At the General Meeting on Tuesday, October 22, 2019, with a vote of 37 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions, Community Board 12 Manhattan passed a resolution requesting the Bronx bus network redesign process be reopened, and proper public hearings be held with at least one of these hearings occurring in Manhattan within or near our community district, and that based upon these hearings, and any additional new information, the redesign may be modified particularly with respect to removing fewer of the BX 7 bus stops in Inwood and Washington Heights. Mindful that residents in our district should be allowed to have input via public hearings on the locations of our bus stops.

**Whereas:** The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) recently released its draft Bronx Bus Network Redesign Plan, and,

**Whereas:** Numerous "Bronx" buses also provide service to Manhattan Community District 12, encompassing Washington Heights and Inwood, and,

**Whereas:** The MTA held no public hearings on the redesign, but did offer Bronx open houses, essentially after the draft design appears to have been pretty much completed, and,

**Whereas:** No open houses at all were held in Manhattan, and,

**Whereas:** A major thrust of the redesign appears to be reducing the number of bus stops using the logic that the fewer there are, the faster the buses will move, but it should be kept in mind that a bus that doesn't stop at all moves very fast indeed, and,

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**Whereas:** The logic used by our Community Board proceeds from the premise that the current bus stop placement is the result of significant thought that occurred at the time the lines were established, followed by years of presumed fine-tuning, so most bus stops are exactly where they should be, and,

**Whereas:** Merely removing bus stops, without readjusting the locations of others is simpler, but may create new unevenness in bus stop spacing, and may not account for hills, and,

**Whereas:** The BX 7 bus has had the inordinately high number of 14 bus stops cut from its Manhattan route potentially inconveniencing many of our residents, therefore,

**Be it resolved,** that Community Board 12, Manhattan requests the Bronx bus network redesign process be reopened, proper public hearings be held with at least one of these hearings occurring in Manhattan within or near our community district, and that based upon these hearings, and any additional new information, the redesign be modified particularly with respect to removing fewer of the BX 7 bus stops in Inwood, and Washington Heights. The residents of our Manhattan district should be allowed to have input via public hearings on the locations of our bus stops.

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