



July 23, 2024

To Whom It May Concern:

Little Island supports the idea of a new bus route as proposed recently by our friends on Community Boards 2 and 4.

Located in Hudson River Park, Little Island invites all New Yorkers and visitors to experience nature and art in a unique urban oasis on the Hudson River. We encourage people to reach us by public transportation, and connecting the southern part of Hudson River Park to areas north will enhance public transportation options for our visitors, significantly.

Currently, the nearest public transportation options to Little Island are the A/C/E lines at 14th Street and 8th Avenue. Additionally, no MTA bus travels directly from 14th Street to points south, leaving a significant gap in public transportation access, an especially impactful omission for seniors and families with children who want to enjoy Hudson River Park.

By adjusting the bus route to connect 14th Street more directly to downtown, and by adding a stop at Pier 57, thereby reducing the distance people must travel from the bus stop to our North entrance on 14th Street, this proposal increases safety and access for those who need it most—seniors, and families with children.

Little Island fully supports CB2's request to bring public bus service to 9A and areas south of 14th Street so that more people can enjoy everything that Hudson River Park has to offer. We believe this initiative will significantly benefit the community and look forward to celebrating this upgrade to public transportation access.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Wiggins'.

Michael Wiggins
Director of Engagement & Strategic Programs