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To Whom It May Concern:

As a prominent youth sports league in downtown Manhattan, representing almost 1000 families from Greenwich Village, Soho, Chelsea and Hell's Kitchen, Greenwich Village Little League would like to add our voice to those advocating for a new MTA bus route serving the West Side of Manhattan, specifically along the Hudson River Park.

The spectacular redevelopment of the Hudson River waterfront in the past 25 years has made it an increasingly popular destination not just for residents of the adjoining neighborhoods, but for New Yorkers from all over the city, and tourists as well. However, the public transportation infrastructure serving the amount of people going to and from the Park has not kept pace. The closest subway stop to the Park is at 14th Street and 8th Avenue, and there is no bus service along the West Side south of 14th Street. A bus route with stops along both the east and west sides of route 9A, from 14th St south to Battery Park would address many concerns.

Foremost from our perspective would be both the ease of use and safety of our families as they go to and from the fields in the Park. Some of our youngest players (as young as 4-5 years old) use the fields at Pier 40, Chelsea Waterside Park and Gansevoort Peninsula, and the ability to avoid long trips along the Greenway with its congestion including bicycles (and e-bikes) would provide a safer option for these families. But in general, providing a public transportation alternative to those looking to access the park at specific destinations served by bus stops would make the Greenway more usable as well for those looking to walk, jog or bike it recreationally.

We fully support the effort to create a new bus route connecting points along the Hudson River Park between 14th St and Battery Park. If we can provide any further perspective or support, please let me know.

Sincerely,
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