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Ed Pincar
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
NYC Department of Transportation
59 Maiden Lane, 37th Floor
New York, NY 10037

Andy Byford
President
New York City Transit
2 Broadway
New York, NY 10004

Re: M7 Bus Rerouting

Dear Borough Commissioner Pincar and President Byford,

At its April 3rd Full Board meeting, Manhattan Community Board 4 (CB4) voted by a vote of 30 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining and 0 present but not eligible to vote, to support the modification of a segment of the M7 route from its interim route on 16th Street between Sixth and Seventh Avenues, to a new interim route on 18th Street between Sixth and Seventh Avenues. There would be two stops (at each end of the block) and a layover (on the east side) on 18th Street.

This block of 18th Street is mostly commercial in nature. We have received comments from residents that the street is very busy with illegal loading activity for the Metropolitan Pavilion. We ask that you seek NYPD's help to enforce the loading regulations and help the street be more passable for the buses.

The abrupt relocation of the M7 route from 14th to 16th Street, on a very residential block, has exacerbated vehicular congestion and further degraded quality of life on a block already afflicted with multiple traffic issues: two construction sites, heavy traffic coming from the West Side

Highway and a concentration of trucks. Furthermore, a pedestrian was killed at 16th Street and Seventh Avenue at the same intersection where the bus now turns.

We ask that as part of its systematic review of all bus routes that is currently underway, MTA prioritize this route for a review and redesign as 18th Street is not a good permanent location to serve the users who want to connect to the subway or come from the south of 14th Street.

CB4 requests that this change be made as soon as feasible.

Sincerely,



Burt Lazarin
Chair
Manhattan Community Board 4



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