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Commissioner Polly Trottenberg
Commissioner
NYC Department of Transportation
55 Water Street, 9th Floor
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Re: L Project Updates

Dear Acting Chairman Ferrer and Commissioner Trottenberg,

Thank you for attending Manhattan Community Board 4's (MCB4) February 20th Transportation Planning Committee meeting and providing an update on coordinated plans for provisional service during upcoming planned work on the L Train Canarsie Tunnel and various stations. While we appreciate the call for community input on the planning of the Select Bus Service (SBS) routes for both the M14A and M14D bus lines, we reaffirm our dismay that such community input was not solicited for the recent change to the M7 route.

At its March 6th Full Board meeting, MCB4 voted, by a vote of 37 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstaining, and 0 present but not eligible to vote, on the following comments:

ADA Accessibility

MCB4 seeks to confirm that plans for ADA accessibility will serve all lines at the Sixth Avenue-14th Street Station, and that the completion of this scope is timely. Please provide an estimated date of completion.

M7 Route Change

Please provide an alternate route for the M7 immediately.

Manhattan-to-Brooklyn Bus Service

MCB4 recommends implementation of shuttle bus service (possibly extending the M14) between Manhattan and Bedford Ave Station in Brooklyn, from 8P.M. – 1:30A.M. weekdays, to provide a shorter wait time, from the 20 minutes headway anticipated down to five minutes.

Countdown Clocks

MCB4 would like to see additional “Countdown Clocks” installed along the L Train line platforms and see improvements for the information they provide, so that it better reflects real-time conditions.

M14A/D SBS Service

MCB4 supports fast-tracked implementation of SBS service along 14th Street, providing the following conditions are met:

- There is in-depth community consultation for route planning and location of stops
- Camera enforcement of the busway is implemented
- The bus clocks are accurate along the entire route
- All stakeholders are provided with a timeline for the busway prep work (milling and stripping) along 14th Street
- All parking regulations which have been changed are restored (in particular, in front of the Vermeer building)
- The M7 route will be returned to 14th Street and a trailing split phase signal for the left-hand turn at Sixth Avenue is installed

Sincerely,



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Hon. Richard Gottfried, New York State Assembly
Hon. Corey Johnson, Speaker of the City Council
Hon. Gale A. Brewer, Manhattan Borough President