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Manhattan Borough Commissioner
NYC Department of Transportation
59 Maiden Lane, 37th Floor
New York, NY 1037

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

Re: Wayfinding Signs

Dear Borough Commissioner Pincar and President Byford,

At its April 3rd Full Board meeting, Manhattan Community Board 4 (CB4) voted, with 31 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining, and 0 present but not eligible to vote, to support requests that signs be installed near the exit of subway stations to indicate cardinal directions (North, South, East, and West).

Under this proposal -created by a CB4 resident- the Department of Transportation (DOT) would install decals on the back of the existing pedestrian traffic signals that can be found at each intersection, as depicted in the attached. This is an inexpensive and innovative approach that can be deployed quickly and, most importantly, will not bring more clutter to the sidewalks.

Even frequent users of the subway get disoriented when they come out of a station. This problem is compounded for the large number of tourists who use the subway. With these signs, people would stop at the entrance for a shorter time to get their bearings. It would allow for faster crowd movement, thus increasing the capacity of stairs and exits for the MTA without incurring additional capital expenses.

We encourage you to pilot such an approach in our neighborhood around heavily trafficked subway stations with many exits: Columbus Circle, Port Authority – Times Square, Penn Station and Union Square.

Sincerely,



Burt Lazarin
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