

August 10, 2016

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U.S. Congress
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The Honorable Linda Rosenthal
New York State Assembly
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The Honorable Brad Hoylman
New York State Senate
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The Honorable Gale Brewer
Manhattan Borough President
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The Honorable Richard Gottfried
New York State Assembly
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The Honorable Corey Johnson
New York City Council
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Ms. Delores Rubin, Chair
Manhattan Community Board 4
330 West 42nd Street, 26th Floor
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Dear Congressman Nadler, Senator Hoylman, Assembly Members Gottfried and Rosenthal, Borough President Brewer, Council Member Johnson and Chairperson Rubin:

Thank you for your joint letter of August 10, 2016. We acknowledge your concerns about the ongoing Design and Deliverability Competition for a new Port Authority Bus Terminal.

As we stated in our letter of August 8, the Port Authority has been engaged in a public review of needs and options for a new Bus Terminal on the West Side of Manhattan since 2013. We remain open to new ideas to design and deliver a new Bus Terminal although literally scores of such ideas have been considered by Port Authority staff and consultants since 2013. While we are not, of course, ruling out other concepts developed through the Design and Deliverability Competition or otherwise, at this point, we do not believe that unconsidered options which are both constructible and financeable exist.

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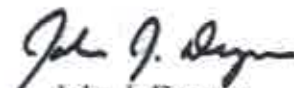
We suggest the following as a path forward to better understand and address your concerns:

We will on a convenient date time ideally in August for you and your staffs schedule a series of briefings at the PABT by PA staff and PA consultants to explain the work done prior to and after 2013, the options that have been considered and the advantages and disadvantages of such concepts. In offering these briefings, we expressly acknowledge, although we do not agree with, your joint position on the Competition. We will also set up follow up sessions to address your questions and concerns arising out of these briefings.

1. We invite you to make any suggestion or proposal for a new Bus Terminal on the West Side of Manhattan that you deem feasible. All such ideas will be referred to, and considered by, PA staff overseeing the Design Competition. We will respond following that review with a detailed reaction to each such idea.
2. Following these briefings, we would then suggest assembling a smaller working group of PA staff and your staff meet to determine how to address your remaining concerns and minimize impacts of a new Bus Terminal.

Finally, we all recognize that a new Bus Terminal must be built, that the practical reality is that it must be built in Manhattan and that it must be built to minimize community impacts and concerns, including yours and those of your constituents. We are committed to doing so.

Sincerely,



John J. Degnan
Chairman



Steven M. Cohen PF
Vice Chairman

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Hon. Chris Christie, Governor, State of New Jersey
Hon. Bill de Blasio, Mayor, City of New York
Patrick J. Foye, Executive Director, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey
Board of Commissioners, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey