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Gentlemen:

In response to your letter of July 18, 2013 regarding the resolution recommending further discussion between the MTA and NYCDOT, I'd like to assure you that our two agencies have been working in close coordination on all Second Avenue Subway construction matters.

Concerning the referenced bump-out, MTACC held several discussions and meetings with NYCDOT concerning the alternate design for Entrance 1 of the 72nd Street Station which they have approved. At this time, NYCDOT is planning a bike lane in the east lane of Second Avenue and now will permit a sidewalk bump-out adjacent to the bike lane between 69th Street and 70th Street on Second Avenue. With this change, a widened sidewalk on Second Avenue in front of 301 East 69th Street is now possible and is compatible with NYCDOT's plan for a bike lane at this location. NYCDOT also has agreed to a bump-out configuration that could remain at this location in the event that a bike lane is not constructed.

As we have reported at CB8 SAS Taskforce meetings, Construction Advisory Committee meetings and in writing, the new alternate design was made necessary to reduce impacts to 301 East 69th Street's utilities and to provide access for the maintenance of those utilities which may remain in the station area. We addressed this issue in a technical memorandum to the FTA, which was approved on June 7, 2013.

We will continue to work closely with NYCDOT throughout the construction process.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me or Richard Mulieri, Senior Director of Government and Community Affairs at 646-252-2784 or rmulieri@mtacc.info.

Sincerely,

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