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**The City of New York  
Manhattan Community Board 8  
Transportation Committee Meeting  
New York Blood Center Auditorium  
310 East 67<sup>th</sup> Street  
Wednesday, January 4, 2012  
6:30 PM**

**Minutes**

Present: Michele Birnbaum, A. Scott Falk, Larry Hockert, Jonathan Horn, Rita Popper, Barry Schneider, Judy Schneider, Nick Viest, Charles Warren and Hedi White.

Absent excused: Helene Simon

The Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Co-Chair Charles Warren.

Board Chair Nick Viest announced that he had appointed Scott Falk as the new Co-Chair of the Committee. Nick Viest and Chuck Warren thanked Jonathan Horn for doing a fine job as Co-Chair of the Committee.

1. Continued discussion-presentation by the MTA on the Hunter College 68<sup>th</sup> Street ADA Project.

A presentation was made by Lois Tendler, Vice-President for Government and Community Affairs of the MTA and a number of her colleagues. The presentation detailed a series of alternatives that had been explored in regard to the proposed new subway entrances at 69<sup>th</sup> Street and Lexington Avenue. The presentation indicated that it

would be difficult to implement other alternatives that did not involve exits on 69th Street, because utilities would be adversely affected and there would be problems with space on Lexington Avenue.

Gordon Johnson, environmental counsel for the MTA, indicated that an environmental assessment would be undertaken to first determine the environmental impacts of any alternative proposal and also to decide whether an environmental impact statement would be required under federal law. The final decision would be made by the Federal Transit Administration since the project is being funded by the federal government. It is expected that the review would be completed in the fall of this year. A group of citizens from 69<sup>th</sup> Street, east and west of Lexington Avenue, objected strongly to the entrances being placed on 69<sup>th</sup> Street, especially, in their view, because of the uniqueness of the block from Lexington to Third Avenue. The MTA believes that it is necessary to have the additional entrances on 69<sup>th</sup> Street to relieve overcrowding at the 68<sup>th</sup> Street station and to allow the ADA project to go forward without having to close the 68<sup>th</sup> Street station for any period of time. The MTA presentation was placed on the Community Board website for the public to be able to view it.

## 2. Discussion of 92<sup>nd</sup> Street Bus Layover

The MTA indicated there was a problem with the bus layover on the north side of 92<sup>nd</sup> Street from First Avenue to York Avenue. At some point the hours of the layover were cut back to 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. seven days a week. This has created a problem for the buses on that street. The MTA requested that on the western half of the block the buses be allowed to park from 7 a.m. to 12 midnight.

The Committee adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the existing bus layover zone on the north side of 92<sup>nd</sup> Street from First to York Avenue is not adequate for the MTA's needs, therefore

RESOLVED, that Community Board 8 requests that the bus layover zone on 92<sup>nd</sup> Street between First Avenue and York Avenue for 250 feet east of First Avenue be changed to 7 a.m. to 12 midnight seven days a week

Yes: 10 (Michele Birnbaum, A. Scott Falk, Larry Hochert, Jonathan Horn, Rita Popper, Barry Schneider, Judy Schneider, Nick Viest, Charles Warren and Hedi White.)

No: 0

3. Continued discussion of NYC Bike Share in Community Board 8 by DOT.

The Co-Chairs handed out a chart of possible locations for Bike Share stands in the Board area up to 79th Street. DOT indicated that it wanted to get thoughts from the Community Board as soon as possible, and then have a public meeting to hear from the public. The Committee decided that it would give its general thoughts on locations at the next meeting in February and would work with DOT to schedule a public meeting in late February.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Warren and A. Scott Falk, Co-Chairs