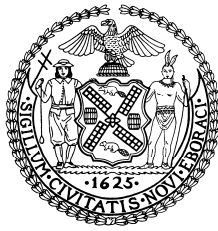


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## The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

December 22, 2014

Kathryn Garcia  
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NYC Department of Sanitation  
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Feniosky Pena-Mora  
Commissioner  
NYC Department of Design and Construction  
30-30 Thomson Avenue  
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### **Re: A presentation from Asphalt Green regarding the entrance ramp for the MTS**

Dear Commissioner Pena-Mora:

At the December 17, 2014 Full Board meeting, the board passed the following resolution of **approval** by a vote of 34 in favor, 3 opposed, 0 abstentions and 1 not voting for cause:

WHEREAS construction has started on the East 91st Street Marine Transfer Station project;  
and

WHEREAS Community Board 8 Manhattan remains unequivocally opposed to the Marine Transfer Station project; and

WHEREAS Asphalt Green, Pledge 2 Protect, and residents of the Stanley Isaacs and Holmes Tower also oppose the Marine Transfer Station, but have formed a coalition to explore mitigation of some the dangers that the project faces;

WHEREAS the Marine Transfer Station is expected to bring 150 NYC Dept. of Sanitation garbage trucks and an unknown number of private garbage trucks to the project site daily, traversing 5,500 feet of non-designated truck routes in a residential area; and

WHEREAS garbage trucks are responsible for a sizable percentage of truck-related crashes in New York City; and

WHEREAS truck turns pose a danger to pedestrians; and

WHEREAS there are one million pedestrians who use the crosswalks in the areas between 86th Street & 92nd Street annually, including 400,000 children; and

WHEREAS approximately half as many pedestrians cross York Avenue at 92nd Street as compared to 91st Street; and

WHEREAS relocating the entrance ramp for the Marine Transfer Station approximately one block north could mitigate some of the pedestrian safety issues and avoid having trucks pass through the middle of Asphalt Green; and

WHEREAS the Asphalt Green coalition is requesting a traffic study to identify the safest and fairest alternate truck routes; and

WHEREAS New York City's Sanitation Commissioner has expressed a willingness to discuss relocating the ramp, but has not postponed demolition of the existing ramp while that discussion proceeds;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8 Manhattan continues to oppose the East 91st Street Marine Transfer Station, but nonetheless gives full support to the Asphalt Green coalition's efforts to find a better solution should the MTS project go forward; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Community Board 8 Manhattan urges the NYC Department of Sanitation and the NYC Department of Design & Construction to halt demolition on the existing ramp until the proposal for relocating the ramp has been fully explored.

Please advise this office of any action taken regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Viest  
Chair

A. Scott Falk and Charles Warren  
Co-Chairs, Transportation Committee

cc: Honorable Bill de Blasio, Mayor of the City of New York  
Honorable Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President  
Honorable Carolyn Maloney, 14<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Representative  
Honorable Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 26<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District  
Honorable Dan Quart, NYS Assembly Member, 73<sup>rd</sup> Assembly District  
Honorable Ben Kallos, NYC Council Member, 5<sup>th</sup> Council District  
Honorable Daniel Garodnick, NYC Council Member, 4<sup>th</sup> Council District