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**The City of New York  
Community Board 8 Manhattan**

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Janno Lieber, Chair and CEO  
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President & CEO  
New York City Economic Development Cooperation  
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**RE: F Train 63rd Street Tunnel Direct Fixation Track Project**

Dear President Haynes, Chair Lieber, and President Kimball,

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on June 19, 2023, the board approved the following resolution by a vote of 41 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause.

**WHEREAS;** New York City Transit's 63rd Street Line Direct Fixation Track Rehabilitation Project, impacting the F Line serving Queens, Roosevelt Island and Manhattan, is now anticipated to begin in August 2023; and

**WHEREAS;** an updated service plan has been developed by NYCT that includes shuttle train service during daytime and evening hours connecting Roosevelt Island to 63<sup>rd</sup> Street/Lexington Avenue and Queensbridge every 20 minutes and a shuttle bus connecting Roosevelt Island to Queensbridge and Queens Plaza during overnights;

**WHEREAS;** The large majority of Roosevelt Islanders and its visitors, students and workers use the F train as primary means of transit may still face overcrowding on the shuttle train and will face longer trips due to the infrequent shuttle train service; and

**WHEREAS;** additional capacity is needed on other transit modes serving Roosevelt Island throughout the 63<sup>rd</sup> Street Direct Fixation Project to accommodate increased demand from subway passengers that may seek alternatives to the infrequent shuttle trains and limited bus shuttle service; and

**WHEREAS;** the MTA's Q102 bus route connects Roosevelt Island to Queens Plaza where transfers to subway lines serving Queens are available; and

**WHEREAS;** the revised service plan doesn't sufficiently address passengers who aren't destined for Manhattan, and will require a lengthy and inconvenient shuttle train to shuttle bus connection to Queens Plaza; and

**WHEREAS;** shuttle buses are not planned to serve key destinations north of the Roosevelt Island Bridge such as Coler Hospital; and

**WHEREAS;** overnight transit service to Manhattan will be challenging and inconvenient as it will require a shuttle bus trip to Queens Plaza;

**WHEREAS;** Roosevelt Island is also served by the Roosevelt Island Tram and NYC Ferry's Astoria Route, which are likely to see much more passenger activity throughout the track rehabilitation project;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that Community Board 8 requests the following actions be taken to support Roosevelt Island residents and visitors who rely on public transportation and will be significantly impacted by reduced subway service throughout the 63<sup>rd</sup> Street Direct Track Fixation Project:

1. More frequent NYCT Q102 Bus Service connecting Roosevelt Island and subway lines serving Queens Plaza
2. An "F" shuttle bus connecting Roosevelt Island to Queens Plaza during all dayparts, including when the shuttle train is running;
3. Extending the shuttle bus to serve Coler Hospital;
4. 24 hour/7 days per week Roosevelt Island Tram Service to provide a direct connection to Manhattan during overnight hours when the shuttle train is not operating;
5. NYC Ferry operating the largest model of ferry vessels on the Astoria Route serving Roosevelt Island with the most seating capacity.

Please advise us of any action taken on this matter.

Sincerely,

*Russell Squire*

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*Craig Lader and Charles Warren*

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Co-Chairs, Transportation Committee

*Paul Krikler*

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Chair, Roosevelt Island Committee

cc: Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor of New York  
Honorable Eric Adams, Mayor of the City of New York  
Honorable Mark Levine, Manhattan Borough President  
Honorable Jerry Nadler, 12th Congressional District Representative  
Honorable Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 28th Senatorial District  
Honorable José M. Serrano, NYS Senator, 29th Senatorial District

Honorable Edward Gibbs, NYS Assembly Member 68th Assembly District  
Honorable Alex Bores, NYS Assembly Member, 73rd Assembly District  
Honorable Rebecca Seawright, NYS Assembly Member 76th Assembly District  
Honorable Keith Powers, NYC Council Member, 4th Council District  
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