



New York City Transit

November 14, 2023

Manhattan Community Board 8
505 Park Avenue, Suite 620
New York, NY 10022

RE: F Train 63rd Street Tunnel Direct Fixation Track Project

Dear Chair and Co-Chairs of Manhattan Community Board 8:

This is in response to your October 23, 2023, resolution regarding Q102 bus service during the 63rd Street Tunnel Direct Fixation Project.

The current Q102 weekday service toward Roosevelt Island begins at 5:35AM, with the last departure from Astoria at 12:05AM, operating with headways of every 30 minutes between 4:30PM and 12:05AM. The bus stop at Coler Hospital is last served by the Q102 at 12:31AM, with service continuing through the southern end of Roosevelt Island before returning to Astoria. Passengers who board the Q102 at Coler Hospital may transfer to the overnight Q94 shuttle bus on Main Street. The Q94 Shuttle Bus Service provides service to Queens Plaza from Roosevelt Island Station with headways of every 10 minutes. In addition to the Q102, employees and visitors traveling from Coler Hospital may access the RIOC Red Bus at the nearby Octagon building. The RIOC Red Bus makes all local stops on Roosevelt Island every 15 minutes from 5:30AM to 2:30AM (3:30AM on Friday & Saturday). The RIOC Red Bus also provides connections to the Q94 Shuttle Bus just south of the Roosevelt Island Bridge.

Per our most recent ridership data collected in May 2023, the average daily boardings at the Coler Hospital bus stop at 900 Main Street are low and do not warrant additional Q102 service. We have also spoken to Coler Hospital management who confirmed they had not received specific complaints from their staff regarding Q102 hours of operation. Due to the low usage of the Q102 at the Coler Hospital bus stop and the existing alternative to utilize the RIOC Red Bus after 12:30AM for connections to the Q94 Shuttle Bus and Queens Plaza subway service, extending the hours of operation of the Q102 is not warranted.

If you have any additional questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact Assistant Director of Government & Community Relations for New York City Transit, Katerina Patouri, at katerina.patouri@mtahq.org or 646-771-0180 with any additional questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Luke DePalma".

Luke DePalma
Senior Director, Government & Community Relations