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

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Janno Lieber  
Chair and CEO  
MTA New York City Transit  
2 Broadway  
New York, NY 10004

**RE: Queens Bus Redesign recommendation to replace the Q102 between S. Loop Rd. and Queens Plaza with Q104 service between the Roosevelt Island "F" station and Sunnyside via Broadway & 46th Street**

Dear Chair Lieber,

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on February 21, 2024, the board approved the following resolution by a vote of 34 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 1 not voting for cause.

**WHEREAS;** the Q102 is the sole New York City Bus route that serves Roosevelt Island, having been in existence for many decades; and

**WHEREAS;** New York City Transit has published its draft final plan for their Queens Bus Redesign project, in which it is proposed that the Q102 service on Roosevelt Island be replaced with a redesigned Q104 route; and

**WHEREAS;** the proposed Q104 service to/from Roosevelt Island would serve the Broadway corridor in Astoria, resulting in the elimination of one-seat bus service between Roosevelt Island and Queens Plaza; and

**WHEREAS;** Roosevelt Island residents have expressed a strong preference to have direct access to Queens Plaza and Long Island City by bus over Sunnyside and Astoria; and

**WHEREAS;** the proposed Q104 service would connect Roosevelt Island to subway stations that are not currently ADA accessible and are not expected to be upgraded in the foreseeable future; and

**WHEREAS;** the Queens Plaza station that serves as the current transfer point between the Q102 and the E, M and R trains is fully accessible; and

**WHEREAS;** the older-skewing population of Roosevelt Island and the presence of Coler Hospital speak to the importance of maintaining bus to subway transfers that don't discriminate against persons with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS;** longer hours of service for any bus serving Coler Hospital are needed, as expressed in a recent Community Board 8 resolution;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that Community Board 8 Manhattan requests the following in response to the recommendations of the Queens Bus Redesign:

1. The current routing of the Q102 Bus serving Roosevelt Island remain unchanged in Queens, thereby maintaining subway connections at stations that are fully ADA compliant;
2. The Q102 hours of service be extended, as previously requested in September 2023, to provide service at Coler Hospital at 1am to allow late night workers to transfer to other NYCT routes and subway stations;

3. Q102 service hours be increased on weekdays and weekends to achieve 20 minute headways;
4. The recommendation to replace the Q102 with Q104 service connecting Roosevelt Island to Astoria and Sunnyside not move forward;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Community Board 8 Manhattan opposes the Queens Bus Redesign recommendation to replace the Q102 service on Roosevelt Island connecting to Queens Plaza with Q104 service, due to the lack of ADA accessibility at subway transfer points along the proposed new route alignment and a preference among passengers to access Queensbridge and Long Island City over Astoria and Sunnyside; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that if the Q104 does replace the Q102, the bus stop going north on Main Street should be relocated to the Senior Center in lieu of the current stop at the Library.

Please advise our office of any action taken on this matter.

Sincerely,

*Valerie S. Mason*

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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

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