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Demetrius Crichlow
President
MTA New York City Transit
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New York, NY 10004

RE: Calling on the MTA to rescind its current plan and develop a revised proposal for the F to the M train service changes

Dear President Crichlow,

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on October 22, 2025, the board approved the following resolution with a vote of 35 in favor, 3 opposed, 1 abstention, and 0 not voting for cause.

WHEREAS Roosevelt Island residents have voiced long-standing complaints about significant overcrowding on the F train, especially during peak hours; and

WHEREAS the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) has announced a plan to swap the routes of the F and M subway lines on weekdays, with the M train serving Roosevelt Island during peak hours only; and

WHEREAS the M train, which is proposed to replace the F train on weekdays, generally operates on a less frequent schedule than the F train, raising concerns about potential longer wait times and reduced service frequency for Roosevelt Island commuters; and

WHEREAS the new service pattern would significantly worsen airport access for Roosevelt Island residents by eliminating express F train connection to the Q70 bus for LaGuardia Airport; and

WHEREAS the MTA's proposal introduces a complex and confusing service pattern where the F train serves Roosevelt Island on nights and weekends, while the M train serves the island during weekdays, which will likely cause rider confusion and inconvenience; and

WHEREAS the MTA's stated rationale for the swap—improving system-wide reliability by eliminating a track merge—prioritizes the convenience of a wider system at the expense of a localized and significant detriment to Roosevelt Island's transportation access and quality of life;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Manhattan Community Board 8 formally opposes the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (MTA) proposed weekday F and M subway line swap; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call upon the MTA to rescind its current plan and develop a revised proposal that equitably addresses the subway needs of Roosevelt Island residents.

Please advise us of any action taken on this matter.

Sincerely,

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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
Honorable Julie Menin, NYC Council Member, 5th Council District
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