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

February 25, 2026

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

**RE: MTA Open Stroller Program Pilot Expansion Request**

Dear Chair Janno Lieber,

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on February 18, 2026, the board approved the following resolution by a vote of 28 in favor, 3 opposed, 7 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

**WHEREAS**, the MTA's Open Stroller Program was introduced in 2023 and currently allows open strollers on certain bus routes in Community District 8 (M15, M101, 102, 103, and Q32) with designated stroller areas on buses; and

**WHEREAS**, each bus in the program has one designated spot for a single stroller, with clear exterior signage, separate from wheelchair accessibility areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the Open Stroller Pilot Program has shown over 90% satisfaction in surveys and the MTA plans to make it permanent; and

**WHEREAS**, many bus routes serving Community District 8 are not included in the program, including the M1, M2, M3, M4, M31, M66, M72, M79, M86, M98, and Q102, making it difficult for families with young children to access transportation, particularly on cross-town routes and avenues such as Fifth Avenue, Madison Avenue, and the far East Side; and

**WHEREAS**, families depend on public transportation for medical appointments, childcare, and daily activities, and cannot always afford car services or walk extreme distances; and

**WHEREAS**, many subway stations lack elevator access, making buses the primary transportation mode for families with strollers; and

**WHEREAS**, clear signage and program rules will help ensure proper use and awareness among all passengers;

**WHEREAS**, Open stroller policies on buses help promote affordability and mobility for

Community District 8 families, and contribute to the District's desirability as a place for families to reside;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Community Board 8 Manhattan calls on the MTA to expand the bus open stroller program pilot to allow open strollers on all bus routes in Community District 8 and ensure there is clear signage about the rules of the program.

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

cc: Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor of New York  
Honorable Zohran Mamdani, Mayor of the City of New York  
Honorable Brad Hoylman-Sigal, Manhattan Borough President  
Honorable Jerrold Nadler, 12th Congressional District Representative  
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