



New York City Transit

July 22, 2016

Honorable Joseph R. Lentol
New York State Assembly
619 Lorimer Street
Brooklyn, New York 11211

Re: ⑥ Line Service Increase

Dear Assemblymember Lentol:

This is in response to your letter of May 26, 2016 to Metropolitan Transportation Authority Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Thomas F. Prendergast, in which you requested that MTA NYC Transit increase service on the ⑥ line immediately, rather than wait until 2019 when we expect the ⑥ line to mitigate some of the impacts of the Canarsie Tunnel shutdown.

Passenger loads on ⑥ trains during rush hours are currently within New York City Transit (NYCT) Board-approved loading guidelines, so no increase in service is scheduled at this time. Even if NYCT were to consider increasing rush hour ⑥ service as you propose, doing so is not currently feasible, due to a lack of available cars. For your information, NYCT has 300 new "R179" cars currently on order. These cars were designed and ordered several years ago and are expected to be delivered in 2017-18. The R179s are intended to replace older cars (R32 and R42 cars), as well as to expand the fleet to allow for additional rush hour service on selected lines that carry loads above NYCT guidelines.

The R179s are slated to be delivered prior to the start of the Canarsie Tunnel project, and some of the older cars that the R179s are intended to replace will in fact be retained temporarily to support the Canarsie Tunnel service plan. This is how NYCT will be able to increase service on the ⑥ and other lines when the Canarsie Tunnel project starts in earnest in 2019 – by temporarily retaining older cars that would have been retired with the delivery of the R179 fleet (the specific lines on which these retained cars will operate has not yet been determined).

MTA NYC Transit will continue to monitor ridership trends and all service-related issues on the ⑥ line and will, when feasible, alter schedules and operations to benefit your constituents and our customers. In the interim, if your office requires any additional

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information or if you have any other transit related concerns, please feel free to contact Andrew Inglesby, Assistant Director, Government and Community Relations at 646-252-2658.

Sincerely,



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President

cc: Thomas F. Prendergast (CH# 2016-000253)

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Public Hearing

CAPITAL PROJECTS

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority, on behalf of MTA New York City Transit and its subsidiaries; MTA Long Island Rail Road; MTA Metro-North Railroad; MTA Capital Construction Company; and MTA Bus Company (collectively "MTA") will hold a public hearing to solicit comments on MTA's federal grant proposals for the remainder of Federal Fiscal Year 2016 and Federal Fiscal Year 2017. The MTA receives federal funds pursuant to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Section 5307, and/or Sections 5309, 5324 (FTA Emergency Relief), 5337 and 5339 of Title 49, United States Code (the Code), Title I of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) and other federal appropriations. The Governor of the State of New York, local officials, and publicly-owned operators of mass transportation services have designated the MTA to receive such grants.

The requested funds are for categories of capital projects listed below and more fully described in the MTA Program of Projects. MTA's Program of Projects is available for review at www.mta.info or by calling 212-878-7127. The MTA solicits and encourages comments from private transportation providers. Capital improvements under this Program generally take place within the MTA network or on state- or city-owned property. Property acquisitions or relocations will be carried out in accordance with the appropriate provisions of law and regulatory requirements. The projects included in this hearing are part of either the approved MTA Capital Program for 2010-2014, or the approved MTA Capital Program for 2015-2019.

The capital projects have been or will be endorsed by the Metropolitan Planning Organizations for the New York metropolitan region and conform with the State Implementation Plan (SIP) as required by the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990. The projects are not anticipated to have any significant adverse environmental impact. If the FTA prepares a formal environmental impact statement on any of the proposed projects, the MTA will issue a public notice to make the statement available. All legal requirements related to senior citizens and customers with disabilities will be met.

It is anticipated that any difference between a project's cost and the federal grant amount will be satisfied through funds that are made available by any one or a combination of state, local, and/or affiliated agency credits for non-federal project share generated from toll revenues in accordance with federal statute (23 USC 120 (i)), or sales of property or program income.

In Federal Fiscal Year 2016, MTA is eligible to receive an estimated \$619.6 million of Section 5307 funds, \$702.2 million of Section 5337 State of Good Repair funds, and \$23.1 million of Bus and Bus Facilities funds. In addition, the MTA is eligible to receive \$432.0 million from the Disaster Relief Appropriation Act of 2013. Apportionments of funding for Federal Fiscal Year 2017 are not yet available. Federal funds must generally be matched by a local share contribution for capital assistance of 20 percent for most funding categories.

PROJECT CATEGORIES / ESTIMATED FEDERAL REQUEST (Dollars In Millions)

NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT		METRO-NORTH RAILROAD	
Project Categories	\$M	Project Categories	\$M
Subway Cars	\$2,956.43	Stations	\$141.95
Stations	535.48	Track and Structures	110.38
Track	329.61	Communications and Signal	105.55
Line Equipment	68.46	Power	46.41
Line Structures	270.39	Shops and Yards	12.00
Signals and Communications	542.68	Ferries	3.40
Power	242.41	Miscellaneous	19.97
Shops	86.17	Total MNR	\$439.66
Depots	62.96	LONG ISLAND RAIL ROAD	
Miscellaneous	125.28	Project Categories	\$M
Staten Island Railway	247.36	Stations	\$134.60
Total NYCT	\$5,467.23	Track	75.50
MTA BUS		Line Structures	113.80
Project Categories	\$M	Communications and Signals	127.10
Facilities	\$217.74	Shops and Yards	95.25
Total MTA BUS	\$217.74	Miscellaneous	0.30
MTA CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION		Total LIRR	\$546.55
Project Categories	\$M	MTA GRAND TOTAL *	\$6,866.18
Miscellaneous	\$195.00		
Total MTACC	\$195.00		

*NOTE: Numbers may not total because of rounding.

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF THE HEARING

Tuesday, August 23, 2016. Starting at 4:30 p.m.
(Registration will be open from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.)

Metropolitan Transportation Authority
2 Broadway, William J. Ronan Board Room, 20th Floor
New York, NY 10004

Security Requirement: All attendees must provide a government-issued photo identification to enter the building. In order to expedite the check-in process, we ask that you register in advance (see below).

DIRECTIONS:

By Subway: 4, 5 to Bowling Green; 6 to Whitehall; or 1 to South Ferry or Rector Street

By Bus: Take the M5, M15 (Local or SBS), M20, X1 or X10

By Staten Island Ferry: Take the Staten Island Ferry to Whitehall Terminal

Use **TripPlanner** at www.mta.info for specific directions, including express bus routes.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO RECEIVE A COPY OF THE COMPLETE MTA PROGRAM OF PROJECTS, TO REGISTER TO SPEAK, OR TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS, CONTACT:

MTA Capital Program Funding & Grant Management
2 Broadway, New York, NY 10004, or call 212-878-7127

The complete list of projects eligible for funding under this proposal is available on the MTA website at www.mta.info. Information on public viewing locations and on the projects eligible for funding can be found on the MTA website at www.mta.info or by contacting the MTA at the address or phone number listed above. The MTA will also make the final Program of Projects available on its website for Section 5307 funded projects when the FTA awards next fiscal year's grant.

Those wishing to be heard must register in advance either by telephone or on the MTA website or in person at the hearing. Registration in person is permitted at the hearing until 6 p.m. Verbal presentations will be limited to three minutes. A record will be made of all comments received or submitted before the close of the hearing.

ACCESSIBILITY AND INTERPRETER SERVICES

This hearing location is accessible to people with mobility impairments. An interpreter for hearing-impaired people will be available upon advance request. A request for an interpreter must be submitted to the MTA no later than close of business on August 15, 2016.



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