

# COALITION OF EAST SIDE ELECTED OFFICIALS

C/O ASSEMBLY MEMBER MICAH Z. KELLNER  
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June 30, 2009

Helena E. Williams  
Interim Executive Director and CEO  
Metropolitan Transportation Authority  
347 Madison Avenue  
New York, NY 10017

Dear Director Williams:

On June 18, the MTA conducted a hearing on its Supplemental Environmental Assessment (EA) for the East 72<sup>nd</sup> Street and East 86<sup>th</sup> Street stations of the Second Avenue Subway. Since that hearing, residents of East 86<sup>th</sup> Street have brought to our attention a series of additional possible options for the placement of entrances at the 86<sup>th</sup> Street station. Please see the enclosed letter from J. Franklin Sharp, an engineer who testified about these options at the June 18 hearing. Among the possibilities Mr. Sharp raises are:

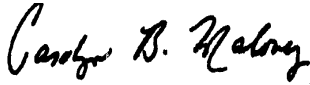
- Placing one entrance on the Northeast corner of 86<sup>th</sup> Street and Second Avenue, with the other entrance on the Southeast corner;
- Placing one subway entrance on the Northeast corner of the same intersection, with a second entrance on the Northwest corner; or
- Placing one entrance on the Northwest corner of 86<sup>th</sup> and Second, with another entrance on the Southeast corner.

We note that these options were not among the alternatives listed in the Supplemental EA. Given the ongoing concerns expressed by neighborhood residents about the MTA's proposed mid-block siting of the East 86<sup>th</sup> Street station entrances, we would like to schedule a meeting with the MTA and community members to discuss the feasibility of the alternative solutions outlined by Mr. Sharp and others. We also urge you to consider extending the public comment period with respect to the Supplemental EA for an additional 30 days until July 31, as requested by a unanimous June 29 resolution of the Second Avenue Subway Task Force of Manhattan Community Board 8. A copy of the resolution is enclosed.


Very truly yours,



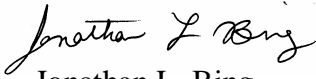
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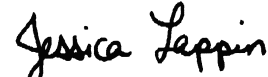
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