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Janette Sadik-Khan  
Commissioner  
New York City Department of Transportation  
40 Worth Street  
New York, NY 10013

Howard H. Roberts, Jr.  
President  
MTA New York City Transit  
2 Broadway  
New York, NY 10004

Dear Commissioner Sadik-Khan and President Roberts:

At the September 23rd meeting of the First and Second Avenue Select Bus Service (SBS) Community Advisory Committee, representatives from the New York City Department of Transportation and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority put forth proposals for new bus stop locations for SBS and local service. Following the presentation, I have some concerns regarding the proposed siting of SBS and local stops on First Avenue at East 79th Street and East 86th Street.

Currently, limited and local buses share stops on First Avenue at East 79th Street and East 86th Street, allowing riders to stay in the same place to transfer between the two lines. The current SBS proposals for these two intersections have the SBS and local stops sited on opposite north and south corners. If the stops are sited as such, riders transferring between the two bus lines would be forced to cross a very busy, two-way street in order to switch from a local to an SBS bus or visa-versa. This creates a potentially dangerous situation where riders may rush across traffic to catch a bus. In addition, riders may attempt to straddle the two corners to see where a bus will arrive first, again creating the problem of pedestrians running from one stop to another.

These safety issues were originally discussed by Community Board 8's Transportation Committee earlier this month, when board members expressed concern about the placement of stops on opposite corners. These points were raised again at the September 23rd meeting. I agree with the Community Board's assessment and therefore request that you re-evaluate the

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placement of stops at East 79th Street and East 86th Street to avoid potential safety problems and site the bus stops on the same block.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact me if you wish to discuss the matter further.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Micah Z. Kellner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Micah Z. Kellner  
Assembly Member

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cc: Community Board 8  
Veronica Bailey-Simmons, Howard/Stein-Hudson Associates, Inc.