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March 23, 2020

Rick Cotton
Executive Director
The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey
4 World Trade Center
New York, NY 10006

Dear Executive Director Cotton:

At its Full Board meeting March 19, 2020, Community Board #2, adopted the following resolution:

Resolution in response to PANYNJ Update on Holland Tunnel project to repair Hurricane Sandy damage.

Whereas the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PANYNJ) presented an update of their plans for repairing Hurricane Sandy damages at the Holland Tunnel, which include both repairs and resiliency measures such as flood protection at the portals and vents; and

Whereas the project will entail full tube overnight (only) closures when work will take place, six nights a week (excluding Saturday), and work will be done one tube at a time: 2020-2022 - South Tube (eastbound from NJ into NYC) 11pm-5am weekdays/11pm-8am weekends; 2022-2024 - North Tube (westbound from NYC to NJ) 11pm-5:30am weekdays/12:01am-9am weekends; and

Whereas the South Tube (NY to NJ) will be done first, with work starting toward the end of April 2020, and lasting 2 years. It's expected that 81% of traffic will be diverted to the Lincoln Tunnel on the NJ side during closures; and

Whereas 75% of the work will be done within the tunnel and 25% outside. There will be a 5-ft. buffer area where the sidewalk stays open, perimeter protection against water leakage, and deployable flexible gates (Flex Wall) at the New York entrance and exit portals; and

Whereas in view of all work to be occurring overnight, residents voiced concern about the potential for significant noise disturbances. PANYNJ gave assurances that electrical power equipment would be used rather than diesel (which is noisier) and that a noise control officer would be on site; and

Whereas community people expressed their need to communicate with PANYNJ for the duration of the project, and asked for a liaison who could be contacted for questions and other information.

PANYNJ affirmed that there will be a hotline, and that they will see into arranging representatives for the community to consult; and

Whereas PANYNJ will be storing the portable flexible gates at a distance from the Holland Tunnel, but a closer location to the Tunnel within Community Board 2 Manhattan (CB2) would be more convenient and expeditious;

Therefore be it resolved that CB2 thanks PANYNJ for their very informative and helpful update on their plans to repair Hurricane Sandy damages at the Holland Tunnel and for their willingness to answer all our questions clearly and concisely; and

Be it further resolved that CB2 asks that PANYNJ explore all possible avenues and apply whatever methodologies are effective to minimize noise during the project as much as possible; and

Be it further resolved that CB2 appreciates that PANYNJ will have a hotline for community people to access about the project and urges PANYNJ to also establish a community liaison who will be available for people to contact and consult; and

Be it finally resolved that CB2 encourages PANYNJ to consider storing the flexible gates at a closer location to the Holland Tunnel repair project somewhere in CB2, such as Pier 40, which is zoned for warehousing (storage) use.

Vote: Passed, with 42 Board Members in favor

Please advise us of any decision or action taken in response to this resolution.

Sincerely,



Carter Booth, Chair
Community Board #2, Manhattan



Shirley Secunda, Chair
Traffic & Transportation Committee
Community Board #2, Manhattan

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c: Hon. Jerrold L. Nadler, Congressman
Hon. Brad Hoylman, NY State Senator
Hon. Deborah J. Glick, NY Assembly Member
Hon. Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President
Hon. Corey Johnson, Council Speaker
Louis Post, Program Manger, PANYNJ
Robin Bramwell-Stewart, Deputy Director, Tunnels Bridges and Terminals, PANYNJ
Enrique Ramirez, General Manger, Holland Tunnel, PANYNJ
Christopher Lee, Senior External Relations Manager, PANYNJ

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March 25, 2020

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of New York State
NYS State Capital Building
Albany, NY 12224

The Honorable Bill De Blasio
NYC Mayor
City Hall
New York, New York 10007

The Honorable Brad Hoylman
NYS Senator
322 Eighth Avenue, Suit 1700
New York, NY 10001

The Honorable Brian Kavanagh
NYS Senator
250 Broadway, Room 2011
New York, New York 10007

Dear Governor Cuomo, Mayor de Blasio, Senator Hoylman and Senator Kavanagh:

At its Full Board meeting March 19, 2020, Community Board #2, adopted the following resolution:

Resolution in support of ensuring that members of the Transportation Mobility Review Board addressing the Congestion Pricing plan include at least two Manhattan residents, one residing within the Congestion Pricing zone and one residing outside the zone.

Whereas congestion pricing, which was signed into New York State law in 2019, would require various types of motor vehicles entering certain portions of Manhattan below 61st St. to pay a fee upon entering the zone; and

Whereas the details of the Congestion Pricing plan, including the amount(s) of the fee to be charged, those required to pay the fee and those potentially exempt, and the specifics of implementation of the program, are referred to a committee to be formed with appointees from the Governor and the Mayor to be called the Transportation Mobility Review Board; and

Whereas the interests of Manhattan residents inside and beyond the Congestion Pricing zone may not be aligned, fairness dictates that all relevant voices be heard and represented to the Board;

Therefore be it resolved that Community Board 2 Manhattan calls on the Governor, the Mayor, the State Legislature, the City Council and all others involved in the process to ensure that the members of the Transportation Mobility Review Board be selected or expanded so that at least two such members

be Manhattan residents, with one residing within the Congestion Pricing zone, and one residing beyond the zone.

Vote: Unanimous, with 42 Board Members in favor

Please advise us of any decision or action taken in response to this resolution.

Sincerely,



Carter Booth, Chair
Community Board #2, Manhattan



Shirley Secunda, Chair
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c: Hon. Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President
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