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Margaret Forgiione
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
NYC Department of Transportation
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New York, NY 10038

Thomas F. Pendergast, President
MTA NYC Transit Authority
2 Broadway
New York, NY 10004

Dear Manhattan Borough Commission Forgiione and Mr. Pendergast:

At its Full Board meeting December 16, 2010, Community Board #2, Manhattan, adopted the following resolution:

Resolution urging the installation of bus stops on 1st and 2nd Aves. to connect the M15 Select Bus Service with the M8 Crosstown Bus at 8th and 9th Sts.

Whereas the new M15 Select Bus Service (SBS) on 1st and 2nd Aves. stops to connect with every crosstown bus service except the M8 crosstown on 8th and 9th Sts., a glaring omission that has created an exceptionally long (in fact, the longest) distance between crosstown buses on the M15 SBS route; and,

Whereas this absence of an M8 connection to the M15 SBS forces M8 bus users to walk long distances to access these bus routes from each other, especially difficult for the many M8 users who are seniors, have disabilities, are parents with small children, are those with infirmities accessing the medical facilities along these routes, or are people carrying heavy and multiple packages from shopping in the adjoining areas; and

Whereas this lack of convenient access from the M8 to the M15 SBS defeats the very purpose of the Select Bus Service, which is to provide quick and efficient public transportation enabling people to reach their destinations in a timely manner, people such as those with physical challenges as enumerated above as well as the many users who depend on these services to transport them regularly to work and school, to professional and social appointments and to other necessary life activities; and

Whereas with no stop at the 8th and 9th St. locations, the M15 SBS skips much needed direct service to the East Village as well as a connection to the West Village;

Therefore be it resolved that Community Board 2, Manhattan strongly urges MTA/NYC Transit and the NYC Department of Transportation to install bus stops on 1st and 2nd Aves. to connect the M15 Select Bus Service with the M8 Crosstown Bus at 8th and 9th Sts.

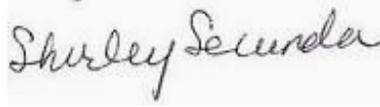
Vote: Unanimous with 41 Board members in favor.

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

Sincerely,



Jo Hamilton, 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
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