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February 22, 2011

Margaret Forgione
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
NYC Department of Transportation
59 Maiden Lane, 35th Floor
New York, NY 10038

Dear Manhattan Borough Commissioner Forgione:

At its Full Board meeting February 17, 2011, Community Board #2, Manhattan, adopted the following resolution:

Resolution opposing the planned installation of a left-turn signal on westbound W. Houston St. at West Broadway and requesting evaluation of alternative options.

Whereas the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) undertook a warrant study of a turning traffic light signal for vehicles turning from westbound W. Houston St. onto southbound West Broadway at the request of Councilmember Chin's office, which was forwarding a resident request; and

Whereas a pattern of motor vehicle crashes was cited as the determining factor in recommending the installation of such a turning signal; and

Whereas during discussions over many years relating to the recent Houston St. redesign, Community Board No. 2 Manhattan (CB2) consistently opposed efforts to add specific infrastructure to accommodate turning movements along Houston St. on the basis of it promoting faster vehicle speeds, creating the perception of vehicle priority over pedestrians and thus putting pedestrians at risk, shortening pedestrian crossing times and resulting in narrower pedestrian safety zones in medians; and

Whereas CB2 passed four resolutions opposing turning bays at this intersection between 2003 and 2005, including one in March of 2005 which specifically mentions opposition to a turning arrow at this location; and

Whereas pedestrians are commonly observed crossing on "Don't Walk" signals in the face of turning traffic at other intersections on Houston St. where turning signals are installed, putting the safety of those pedestrians in jeopardy, regardless of "right of way"; and

Whereas other potential solutions to reduce the rate of crashes at this intersection were found preferable in preliminary committee discussions, such as prohibiting turns from W. Houston St. onto West Broadway or the staggering of signal timing to create traffic gaps;

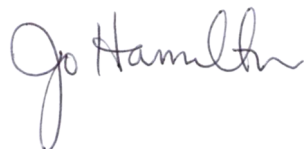
Therefore be it resolved that CB2 urges DOT to refrain from installing a left turning traffic light signal on westbound W. Houston St. at the intersection of West Broadway at this time and requests that, in the spirit of collaboration that CB2 has appreciated with the current DOT administration, DOT share its data employed in the warrant study and discuss potential alternatives with CB2 that DOT then can study in further detail; and

Be it further resolved that CB2 requests that DOT consult with the community board before initiating future warrant studies at the request of a resident, elected official or other community members, the completion of which might put DOT in a legal “position of no return” without considering particular local issues or histories.

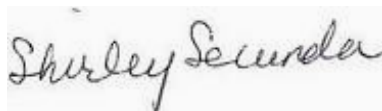
Vote: Unanimous, with 41 Board members in favor.

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

Sincerely,



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Community Board #2, Manhattan



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

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Dear Manhattan Borough Commissioner Forgione:

At its Full Board meeting February 17, 2011, Community Board #2, Manhattan, adopted the following resolution:

Resolution in opposition to changing parking regulations to reduce street cleaning (no parking) time from 90 minutes to 30 minutes on both sides of W. 10th St. bet. 5th Ave. & Ave. of the Americas.

Whereas Community Board No. 2, Manhattan (CB2) has received several letters of concern and in-person objections from the community in response to a request to change parking regulations to reduce street cleaning (no parking) time from 90 minutes to 30 minutes on both sides of W. 10th St. bet. 5th Ave. & Ave. of the Americas; and

Whereas one person requested this change in parking regulations to alleviate the discomfort and inconvenience of a 90-minute wait for street cleaning to proceed and indicated this can take as little as five or ten minutes; and

Whereas additional cautionary notes were received and people came to share their experience of the resulting chaos when no-parking/street-cleaning time was reduced to 30 minutes on their blocks, including E. 10th St. bet. 5th Ave. and University Pl. and W. 11th St. bet. 5th Ave. & Ave. of the Americas (restored to 90 minutes at 11th St.'s request), citing uncivil, dangerous, proprietary behavior, such as fist fights, cursing and driving up on sidewalks, as drivers try to squeeze out of and back into spaces in the short time frame, as well as blocking and slowing up of street sweepers; and

Whereas a member of CB2's Traffic and Transportation Committee conducted a survey of parking regulations from 8th to 14th Sts. bet. 7th Ave. and Broadway, the results showing that almost all blocks in that area with street cleaning rules are regulated by 90 minute-no parking provisions (see attached map);

Therefore Be It Resolved that CB2 is opposed to changing street cleaning (no parking) time from 90 minutes to 30 minutes on both sides of W. 10th St. bet. 5th Ave. & Ave. of the Americas and supports retention of the 90-minute no parking rules there.

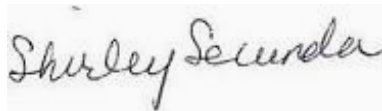
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No Park/No Stop Any time

No Park/No Stand at Times & Meter Parking

Free Parking 90min Cleaning

Free Parking 30min Cleaning



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February 23, 2011

Mr. Brodie Enoch
Public Transit Rider Campaign Manager
Transportation Alternatives
127 W. 26th Street, Ste. 1002
New York, NY 10001

Dear Mr. Enoch

At its Full Board meeting February 17, 2011, Community Board #2, Manhattan, adopted the following resolution:

Resolution in Support of Transit Rider Bill of Rights.

Whereas the vast majority of New Yorkers conduct their lives using the city's transit system, and

Whereas with every bus and subway cut and every canceled line, the everyday experience of millions of New Yorkers changes for the worse, and

Whereas with the decision of Albany lawmakers to cut \$160 million from the MTA, riders have faced the loss of 2 subway lines, 38 bus routes, cuts to service citywide and another fare hike in 2011,

Therefore be it resolved that Community Board 2 Manhattan (CB2) supports the Transit Rider Bill of Rights, affirming that New York City's Transit Riding Public has the right to:

- Reliable travel throughout the five boroughs in an affordable and efficient manner by bus or by train.
- Fare hikes that are only enacted as a last resort when all other funding options have been exhausted, as well as stable funding for the MTA from the State and City, in good times and bad, that does not increase the current proportion of the budget borne by riders.
- Accurate real-time information and clear announcements about when trains and buses will arrive before swiping a MetroCard, or upon arrival at a bus stop.
- Well-lit and safe subway and bus facilities with MTA employees on hand to provide information and respond in case of emergency
- Clean, regularly maintained MTA facilities including subway stations, subway cars, buses and bus stops.
- A more accessible transit system, with level boarding for buses and working elevators and escalators within all subway stations.

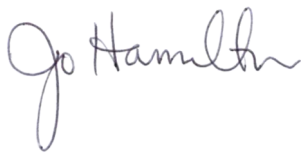
- Helpful, courteous service from station agents, bus drivers and other MTA employees to be matched by respect and courtesy from the riding public.
- The official prioritization of operating, maintaining and improving the existing train and bus network.
- Transparent and easily-used lines of communication between riders/MTA with mechanisms in place to address rider concerns and complaints.
- A minimum of one transit worker and one transit rider as voting members of the MTA Board of Directors.

Be it further resolved that CB2 encourages the MTA to continue and expand existing policies to provide open and real time computer data on the performance of the transit system, to any interested member of the public for access via the Internet and/or third-party developers.

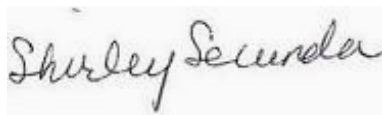
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