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Thomas F. Prendergrast President Metropolitan Transportation Authority New York City Transit 2 Broadway New York, New York 10004

## Re: M31 Bus Stop on West 54th Street Near the South East Corner at Eleventh Avenue.

Dear Mr. Prendergast:

Manhattan Community Board 4 requests that the M31 bus stop on the south side of West 54<sup>th</sup> Street just east of Eleventh Avenue be restored.

This bus stop had been moved to corner of Tenth Avenue and West 54<sup>th</sup> Street a couple of years ago when construction commenced on a building on the south side of the street. While construction continues on that building, it is no longer blocking the sidewalk and parking lane on the western half of the block. In fact, the western half of the block on the south side currently has no labeled parking regulations and approximately ten (10) cars are usually parked between the southeast corner and the beginning of the blocked construction area. There is more than enough space to return the bus stop and have room for the bus to maneuver to avoid the construction lane closure in the middle of the block.

Moving the bus stop has been especially an inconvenience for the residents of Clinton Towers, a 39 story building on the northeast corner of West 54<sup>th</sup> Street and Eleventh Avenue that, according to its tenant association, has a high percentage of elderly and disabled residents.

Thank you for your assistance and consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Corey Johnson Chair Manhattan Community Board 4

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Cc: DOT, Clinton Towers Tenant Association