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MTA New York City Transit  
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**Re: Bus Service along 8th Avenue and 42nd Street**

Dear President Reuter:

We are writing to express our ongoing concern, which has been echoed by community members, regarding the relocation of connecting bus stops along the 42<sup>nd</sup> Street cross town and north and south bound routes.

The 42<sup>nd</sup> Street cross-town is one of the most heavily used cross towns in NYC, yet five connecting North/South bus stops have been removed in the 42<sup>nd</sup> Street area making transferring to the cross-town bus a nightmare, particularly for the elderly, the handicapped, and the wheelchair bound.

The southbound 7th Ave. buses **M6** and **M7** stop at 47th Street and then travel, without stopping, to the far side of 41st Street forcing people to walk back several blocks to make a cross-town connection. That is not only inconvenient, but dangerous, particularly for those who are elderly, physically handicapped, bound to wheelchairs, or using canes and crutches. The bus stop appears to still exist on 42nd Street but is now used as a rest area for those buses not in use. We suggest that the buses idle on 41st Street so that the stop can be used again.

The northbound buses, **M10** and **M20**, which used to stop on 42nd Street and 8th Avenue, no longer stop there. These buses now stop two heavily-trafficked streets away, at the furthest-away corner of 41st Street, skipping 42nd Street completely, and stopping next at 44th Street.

To compound this inconvenience, bus **M104**, which does stop at 42nd Street, now skips 44th Street and instead continues on to 46th Street. Since the **M104**, the **M10** and the **M20** cover the same area from 42<sup>nd</sup> Street to 59th Street, it was more convenient – and safer – for all of the buses to stop at the same location, enabling people to take whichever bus arrives first, rather than choose one and see the others go by. The first stop where all three buses can be accessed is 46th Street, four blocks away. The signage for the former bus stops still exists, but appear to have been given over to tour buses. There are ample queuing spaces for tour buses, and to have the stops take precedence over city buses makes no sense.

Therefore, we are urging you to have the following bus stops restored:

- 1) Return the southbound M6 and M7 to the bus stop at 42<sup>nd</sup> Street and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
- 2) Return the northbound M10 and M20 to the bus stop at 42<sup>nd</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
- 3) Return the northbound M104 to the bus stop at 44<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Sincerely,

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