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Howard H. Roberts, Jr.  
President  
MTA NYC Transit  
2 Broadway  
New York, NY 10004

**Re: 14<sup>th</sup> Street - Seventh Avenue Subway Station # 1,2 and 3 lines**

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Manhattan Community Board 4 (CB4) requests that the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) addresses as soon as possible the dangerous conditions in the subway station at 14<sup>th</sup> Street and Seventh Avenue for the #1, 2, and 3 lines. This station serves the neighborhoods of Chelsea and Greenwich Village and straddles the border between Community Board 2 and 4.

At the station entrance located at the northwest corner of Seventh Avenue and 14<sup>th</sup> Street, the stairwell is permanently wet and slippery making access to the station very dangerous.

The water leaks coming from large portions of the ceiling have caused the cement and paint to evolve over the years into a forest of moldy stalactites, quite unsightly and possibly unhealthy. At a time when PlaNYC2030 encourages more citizens to use mass transit, this entrance makes the trip potentially dangerous for the many riders who use it.

Further, this station is not wheelchair accessible, a situation that needs addressing for our disabled population. Reopening an existing underground corridor that has been shut down would be beneficial, in that it linked the Eighth Avenue station and thus provided wheelchair access to some but not all platforms.

As far as we can ascertain, the MTA has not refurbished this station in more that 30 years. Please let us know where this station stands in the priority queue for a full refurbishing. In the mean time, CB4 requests that the unhealthy and dangerous leaks, stairwell conditions be repaired, the ceiling molds be removed, and the corridor reopened.

Sincerely,



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