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July 26, 2012

Ms. Adrienne Taub-Kane Assistant Director of Government Relations MTA New York City Transit 2 Broadway New York, New York 10004

Re: West 57th Street Express Bus Relocation

Dear Ms. Taub-Kane:

Manhattan Community Board 4 appreciates the thorough and early outreach that your office has conducted regarding the proposed relocation of the current W. 57th Street MTA express bus layover stop on weekday afternoons. We understand that this request stems originated from a business adjacent to the current stop on W. 57<sup>th</sup> Street.

While we await the official MTA identification of potential locations, we would like to request that these locations not be on a street adjacent to Dewitt Clinton Park or other recreational space. The Clinton area suffers from a dearth of green space and we would appreciate your help in keeping our limited park space free of additional burdens. Additionally, we would like the MTA to reconsider placing the proposed bus layover on a narrow street and instead look for a street that would be wide enough to accommodate large express buses without blocking traffic. We also hope that you will identify sites closest to the start of their lines to reduce traffic congestion in midtown at midday.

As always, we appreciate your consideration and look forward to continued collaboration as this project moves forward.

Sincerely,

Corey Johnson Chair

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