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February 4, 2003

Peter S. Kalikow, Chairman
Metropolitan Transportation Authority
347 Madison Avenue
New York, NY 10017

Dear Mr. Kalikow,

On behalf of Manhattan Community Board 11, we urge you to relocate the M35 bus stop currently located on Lexington Avenue, between 125th Street and 126th Street. Passengers from the M35 disembark on a block that is already overly crowded with pedestrian traffic. Lexington Avenue and 125th Street is already a major public transportation hub, attracting riders from all over the city. The M35 stops directly in front of a heavily used entrance to the 4, 5 and 6 train station. During morning and evening rush hours, the crowding on the sidewalk turns into a serious safety concern as many pedestrians are forced into walking in the street.

Three alternative bus stops for the M35 bus were submitted to the Metropolitan Transportation Authority and rejected as per a letter received on November 6, 2002 from Ms. Alissa Kosowsky, Assistant Director of Government and Community Relations (see attached). Unfortunately the MTA analysis of alternative bus stops did not take into consideration the safety issues of this location. We would like to meet with the MTA to discuss this issue. We hope that we can work together to find a reasonable solution to this challenge.

Sincerely,

David E. Givens
Chair, Manhattan Community Board 11

Cc: Manhattan Borough President C. Virginia Fields
State Senator Olga Mendez
State Senator David Paterson
State Assemblyman Keith L. T. Wright
State Assemblyman Adam Clayton Powell, IV
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Metropolitan Transportation Authority

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March 21, 2003

Mr. David Givens
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Dear Chairman Givens:

MTA Chairman Peter Kalikow asked me to respond to your February 4th letter regarding the M35 bus stop at the northwest corner of 125th Street and Lexington Avenue.

This bus stop picks up and drops off passengers next to the entrance to the 125th Street **4 5 6** station. Those traveling to and from both Randall's and Ward's Islands for work, treatment, or transfers with the **4 5 6** trains, Bx15, M60, M100, M101, and M103, use this bus. Since the introduction of free MetroCard bus to subway transfers, intermodal transfers such as this one are critical to our mass transit system and the convenience of our customers.

As you noted, an analysis of alternate locations for the M35 bus stop was undertaken. The analysis indicated that none of the three alternate locations allowed for optimal bus operations given the traffic conditions in the area. Furthermore, two of the locations pose safety concerns, and the other unfairly burdens those utilizing the rear door lift – particularly those with mobility impairments.

Ensuring that the sidewalks remain clear of loiterers and non-permitted businesses will help reduce crowding on the corner. This is an enforcement issue that we will discuss with the New York City Police Department and you should monitor and discuss with them as well.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention. I look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,