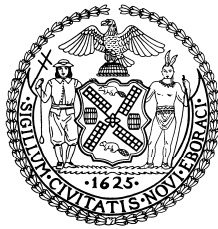


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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

March 20, 2015

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Margaret Forgione
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
NYC Department of Transportation
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**Re: A request to change the direction of the SBS
off-boarding ticket dispensers from facing the
street to facing the sidewalk**

Dear Chairman Prendergast and Commissioner Forgione:

At the March 18, 2015 Full Board meeting, the board passed the following resolution by a vote of 35 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause:

WHEREAS Select Bus Service (SBS) stations have MetroCard Fare Collector and Coin Fare Collector machines on the sidewalk, for riders to pay before boarding; and

WHEREAS the majority of SBS Fare Collector machines have been installed with the machines facing the curb; and

WHEREAS this orientation requires riders to stand in a limited area between the Fare Collector machines and the curb when paying for their tickets; and

WHEREAS riders who have obtained their tickets often stand in the same limited area until boarding the bus, causing crowding in front of these machines; and

WHEREAS installing the Fare Collector machines with their backs to the curb would allow riders to move behind the machines after purchasing their tickets, which would help alleviate the crowding in front of the machines; and

WHEREAS NYC Transit is planning to launch Select Bus Service on the M86 crosstown line in 2015; and

WHEREAS certain M15-SBS stations and Fare Collector machines may be relocated after completion of the Second Avenue Subway project in the coming years;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8 Manhattan asks the NYC Department of Transportation and New York City Transit to install Select Bus Service fare-collection machines facing away from the curb at any new SBS stations within Community District 8 Manhattan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Community Board 8 Manhattan asks DOT and NYC Transit to consider whether those fare-collection machines that face the curb at existing SBS stations within Community District 8 Manhattan can be turned to face in the opposite direction (away from the curb).

Please advise this office of any action taken regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

James G. Clynes
Chairman

A. Scott Falk and Charles Warren
Co-Chairs, Transportation Committee

cc: Honorable Bill de Blasio, Mayor of the City of New York
Honorable Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President
Honorable Carolyn Maloney, 14th Congressional District Representative
Honorable Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 26th Senatorial District
Honorable Dan Quart, NYS Assembly Member, 73rd Assembly District
Honorable Rebecca Seawright, NYS Assembly Member, 65th Assembly District
Honorable Ben Kallos, NYC Council Member, 5th Council District
Honorable Daniel Garodnick, NYC Council Member, 4th Council District