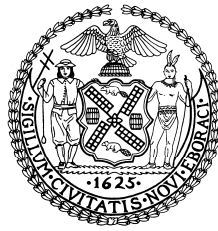


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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

May 22, 2014

Thomas F. Prendergast
Chairman, Chief Executive Officer
MTA/NYC Transit
2 Broadway
New York, NY 10004

Re: Service on the M31 bus line (including scheduling and accessibility)

Dear Chairman Prendergast:

At the May 21, 2014 Full Board meeting, the board passed the following resolution of **approval** by a vote of 45 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause:

WHEREAS the M31 bus route serves the Upper East Side, which has an aging population, and in particular serves the hospital corridor known as "Bed Pan Alley," with such institutions as NY-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, and Hospital for Special Surgery; and

WHEREAS the newer low-floor buses with front-door wheelchair access allow for much quicker loading of passengers in wheelchairs; and

WHEREAS the low-floor buses are also easier to board for children, the elderly, and riders with impaired mobility; and

WHEREAS reduced boarding time improves service reliability and decreases headways between buses;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8 Manhattan asks New York City Transit to use predominantly low-floor buses with front-door wheelchair ramps on the M31.

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

Sincerely,

Nicholas Viest
Chair

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 Micah Kellner, NYS Assembly Member, 76th Assembly District
Honorable Dan Quart, NYS Assembly Member, 73rd Assembly District
Honorable Ben Kallos, NYC Council Member, 5th Council District
Honorable Daniel Garodnick, NYC Council Member, 4th Council District

