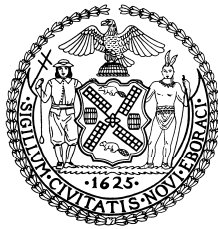


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## The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

October 20, 2016

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### **Re: Continued discussion of a request for low-floor buses on the M66 & M72**

Dear Chairman Prendergast:

At the October 19, 2016 Full Board meeting, the board unanimously **approved** the following resolution:

#### **Resolution 3 (M66 & M72 Equipment)**

WHEREAS the M66, M72, and M31 bus routes serve 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 M66 and M72 also serve the Upper West Side and such institutions as Lincoln Center; and

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

WHEREAS New York City Transit in 2014 responded quickly and positively to meet CB8M's request for low-floor buses with front-door wheelchair ramps on the M31 route; and

WHEREAS similar changes are needed on the M66 and M72 routes, which currently lack low-floor buses with front-door wheelchair ramps; and

WHEREAS NYCT plans to introduce new low-floor bus equipment on these routes in 2018, approximately two years away; and

WHEREAS the 2011 NOVA and 2011 New Flyer 40' low-floor clean diesel models are able to operate across the 65th Street Transverse, but are currently assigned to other routes throughout the city;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8 Manhattan asks New York City Transit to replace as many of the older buses on the M66 & M72 routes as possible with the 2011 NOVA and 2011 New Flyer 40' low-floor clean diesel models that are able to operate across the 65th Street Transverse.

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: Hon. Bill de Blasio, Mayor of the City of New York  
Hon. Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President  
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Hon. Dan Quart, 73<sup>rd</sup> Assembly District  
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Hon. Ben Kallos, NYC Council Member, 5<sup>th</sup> Council District  
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