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Thomas F. Prendergast
President, Metropolitan Transportation Authority New York City Transit
2 Broadway
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VIA FAX: 646-252-2661

Dear Mr. Prendergast:

Ridership on the L line has dramatically increased in recent years, in parallel with Brooklyn's residential growth. In particular, new buildings along Kent Avenue have increased the number of riders using the Bedford Avenue stop. My constituents have raised concerns about crowded trains, delays, and an overall lack of consistency of service that has made riding the L train both frustrating and difficult.

Following my request in 2009, the MTA undertook a full review of the F line. I am grateful for the MTA's willingness to work with the community and address many of our concerns, and I am confident we can reapply that experience to improve L train service. Therefore, I am writing to request a review of the L line's performance.

In addition, at some stations on the L and F lines weekend ridership is as high - or higher than - weekday ridership. Yet the trains' schedules do not account for the higher weekend usage. I would also like to request that the MTA review weekend ridership on the L in Williamsburg and the F in the Lower East Side, with the goal of creating a schedule that is more reflective of ridership patterns. This would not just make the subway more convenient for riders. By drawing weekend visitors to these neighborhoods underground and off of surface transit, it would also improve quality of life in these areas.

Please contact Tim Roberts in my office to update us on the progress of these reviews. Tim can be reached at 212-298-5565.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Daniel Squadron
State Senator
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