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Michael R. Bloomberg, Mayor
City Hall
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Dear Mayor Bloomberg:

For the past seven months, a community task force and I have been meeting with DOT Borough Commissioner Margaret Forgione, regarding congestion issues on 125th street from 1st to 12th avenue.

The Department of Transportation has determined that Select Bus Services (SBS) on the M60 bus is the solution to what ails our community regarding traffic congestion, and moved in the direction of implementing that plan.

In March of this year, the task force wrote to Commissioner Sadik Khan that the process by which the DOT was flawed in its outreach, sharing the comments from the various charretts, and pointing out the lack of a comprehensive impact study and review of the community.

The 125th Street corridor can not and should not be seen in a vacuum. What occurs on 125th street affects the entire community. Changing one thing can have a ripple effect on the economic, environmental, social and cultural aspects in the 30th Senatorial District.

The Transportation - Sub committee task force, composed of the leadership of community board nos 9, 10, 11, and 12, the 125th street BID, Disable In Action NY, environmental and transportation advocates, through its many networks collected information and comments, held meetings, collected surveys regarding the community's thoughts, suggestions and alternatives to the proposed plans.

On May 23rd, the task force held a Town Hall meeting in Harlem. The Department of Transportation was one of the key presenters. In Town Hall style concerned individuals provided their concerns and assessments of the current plan.

The Department of Transportation asserted that after the Town Hall that they would provide



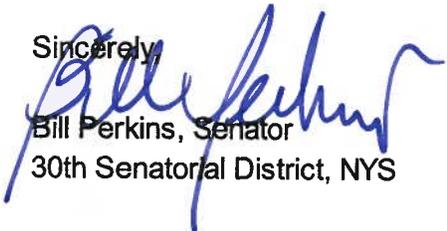
responses to the concerns raised by the community to the task force. To date those responses have not been forthcoming. One of the overriding concerns raised was that there is a rush to implement the SBS plan, without a comprehensive analysis of the impact to the community. Further, is that other SBS services changes (34th Street, Fordham Road, 1st Avenue and Clinton Avenues) were implemented after years of study, and consultation. This has not been done on 125th street. The decision to implement the M60 SBS is a forgone conclusion decided by Borough Commissioner Forgoine and the DOT, not engaging in any community type consulting partnership.

We are asking you to include your cabinet members in a comprehensive study of the impact. For example, the Deputy Mayors of Economic Development, Operations, Public Safety, and Environmental to study the community impact. A comprehensive study of the economic and environmental impact of traffic congestion has already requested by the 125th street business community.

Mr. Mayor, it is imperative that a comprehensive study be implemented along this important corridor and the surrounding area.

To discuss this or any other matter further, feel free to contact me on my cell at 646-279-1824 or my office at 212-222-7513.

Sincerely,



Bill Perkins, Senator

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