

January 11, 2016

Thomas F. Prendergast President, Metropolitan Transportation Authority New York City Transit 2 Broadway New York, NY 10004

Dear Chair Prendergast:

We write regarding the next Subway Full Line Review. Thank you for committing to conduct a Full Line Review of every line. We would like to request the next study is done on the R line.

Senator Squadron worked with the MTA to create Full Line Reviews in 2009. They have proven to be a cost effective tool to identify problems and make improvements for riders.

We have heard a number of community concerns about the R train. The R train serves many communities for which it is one of the only transit options. Recently, Councilmember Gentile, with elected officials, the Riders Alliance, and the NYPIRG Straphangers Campaign, spoke out in favor of studying the R train to look into the infrequent and unreliable service, a lack of communication, and poor station conditions. Given the relatively recent completion of the Montague Tunnel post-Sandy repair work, we believe this is an appropriate time to conduct a Full Line Review.

We also request that this review be conducted in a timely manner. The almost 18 months that it took to complete the A/C Full Line Review is, simply, too slow. At that pace, it would take the MTA more than 10 years to honor the commitment to study the remaining lines (even assuming that over lapping lines are assessed in tandem). Riders cannot be expected to wait that long for service assessments and improvements.

We thank you for your continued effort for our transit system, and for your support of Full Line Reviews, which can have such a positive impact for riders. You may contact Senator Squadron's office at <u>212-298-5565</u> or Councilmember Gentile's office at <u>718-748-5200</u> to follow up on this request.

Sincerely,

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