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July 26, 2016

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of New York State
New York State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

The Honorable Bill de Blasio
Mayor of New York City
City Hall
New York, NY 10007

Thomas F. Prendergast
Chair and CEO, Metropolitan Transportation Authority
2 Broadway
New York, NY 10004

Dear Governor Cuomo, Mayor de Blasio, and Chair Prendergast:

We write to request the creation of an interagency working group to mitigate the impact of the 18 month closure of the L train Canarsie tubes, in January 2019, which was announced yesterday. As you know, the L train is a transit lifeline for many of the communities we represent. According to the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), more than 225,000 people travel from Brooklyn to Manhattan through the Canarsie tubes on weekdays, and weekend ridership has grown by more than 60% since 2010 at some stations. In addition, the L Train is a vital crosstown connection for commuters within Manhattan.

We thank the MTA for its robust public engagement on the repairs. It is clear that mitigating the impacts of the closure requires bold action within and outside the MTA system. Implementing mitigations will require significant interagency coordination. For example, the City's Department of Transportation (DOT) would be involved in proposals that include Select Bus Service and dedicated bus lanes; seamless integration may also require State DOT action. Similarly, the City's Economic Development Corporation would need to be involved in proposals for new and increased ferry service. The City's Department of Small Business Services and the State's Empire State Development Corporation could provide assistance to impacted businesses.

A working group should be convened to facilitate collaboration and planning among relevant agencies. It would also serve as a forum for the community and advocates,

including the L Train Coalition, to submit ideas and proposals and ensure they receive consideration. City, State, and Federal agencies should play a role in the working group.

At a minimum, we would like the following agencies to be included in the working group, working with us and the local community boards, advocates and other coalition stakeholders.

- Empire State Development Corporation
- Metropolitan Transportation Authority
- New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
- New York State Department of Labor
- New York State Department of Taxation and Finance
- New York State Department of Transportation
- Statewide Small Business Outreach Initiative
- New York City Economic Development Corporation
- New York City Department of Consumer Affairs
- New York City Department of Environmental Protection
- New York City Department of Small Business Services
- New York City Department of Transportation
- New York City Police Department
- New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission
- New York City Mayor's Office for People With Disabilities
- United States Army Corps of Engineers

We welcome the participation of other agencies as well. Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,



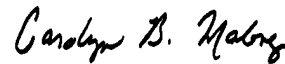
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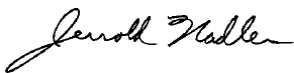
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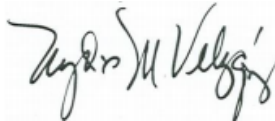
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Jerry Boone, Commissioner, New York State Department of Taxation and Finance

Matthew J. Driscoll, Commissioner, New York State Department of Transportation

Maria Torres-Springer, President and CEO, New York City Economic Development Corporation

Lorelei Salas, Commissioner, New York City Department of Consumer Affairs

Vincent Sapienza, Acting Commissioner, New York City Department of Environmental Protection

Gregg Bishop, Commissioner, New York City Department of Small Business Services

Polly Trottenberg, Commissioner, New York City Department of Transportation

William J. Bratton, Commissioner, New York City Police Department

Meera Joshi, Chair and CEO, New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission

Victor Calise, Commissioner, New York City Mayor's Office for People With Disabilities

Stephan A. Ryba, Chief, Regulatory Branch, United States Army Corps of Engineers, New York District

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