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Polly Trottenberg
Commissioner
New York City Department of Transportation
55 Water Street
New York, NY 10041

Dear Commissioner Trottenberg:

We write regarding a proposal by intercity bus operator BoltBus to install two new bus stops in our districts: one drop-off location opposite 287 Seventh Avenue, and one pick-up location on the southeast corner of Eighth Avenue at West 28th Street. These proposed stops would result in 292 drop-offs and 121 pick-ups per week. We thank DOT for its willingness to take seriously our and Community Board Five's (CB5) concerns about existing overcrowding at these locations and request that DOT reject this proposal and continue working with BoltBus, the relevant community boards and the local elected officials to identify and propose alternative sites that are more suitable.

CD5 already has a huge volume of intercity bus stops, as well as vehicle and pedestrian traffic in general and in this vicinity specifically. The block at Seventh Avenue is already overflowing with 530 MegaBus drop-offs per week and its 42,930 discharged passengers, students and staff of the adjacent FIT building, commuters exiting the 28th Street 1 train stop at the 27th Street exit, and pedestrians walking to and from Penn Station via Seventh Avenue. Bolt's proposed 292 drop-offs at this location would add up to 16,060 pedestrians with baggage each week, which is just too much.

The proposed Eighth Avenue pick-up site between 27th and 28th Streets is also too crowded a location for a bus stop, with Penn South, a large residential and largely senior community across the street, the loading dock for FIT, and a no-parking fire hydrant zone taking up 15 feet of the block. With its proposed 121 pick-ups and as many as 6,655 passengers per week required to queue up at least 15 minutes before a departure, we are deeply concerned about this impact on the block's current functions.

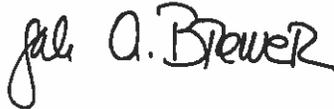
At an August 22, 2016 meeting of CB5's Transportation Committee, dozens of local residents showed up to express their opposition to these proposed locations, and Committee members voted 14 to 0 to reject the proposal. With all of this in mind, we ask that DOT continue to work proactively with BoltBus to identify more suitable stop locations that can meet the company's capacity needs and allay major community concerns.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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