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John McAvoy  
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Dear Chairman Ferrer, Commissioner Sanchez and President McAvoy:

On behalf of the residents and the riders of the M86 Select Bus Service (SBS) crosstown bus, I respectfully request coordination of efforts for the immediate restoration of the West-bound crosstown bus stop on the northwest corner of East 86<sup>th</sup> Street and Second Avenue.

Following the completion of Phase One of the Second Avenue Subway, Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) informed us that the bus stops along Second Avenue were scheduled to be restored by January 31, 2017. Our community welcomed the opening of the subway. However, to the great disappointment of many neighbors who rely on local bus service to meet their basic needs, especially seniors and the disabled, MTA's commitment to fully restore local bus service has not been honored.

Upon our inquiry, our office was told by MTA and New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) that SBS kiosks cannot be installed at this location due to a problem with the power supply. On February 7, 2017, our office was informed by DOT that once the fare machines are operational, DOT will reinstate the bus stop. On February 15, 2017, our office was informed by MTA that they were actively working with Con Ed to provide power to the M86 SBS fare machines and the installation of the bus stop would follow. On March 1, 2017, MTA and DOT representatives attended Community Board 8's Transportation Committee meeting but did not provide a timeline for the work that is being done. A Con Ed spokesman stated that there are no requests to bring power to this location, according to a March 8, 2017 article (enclosed).

It goes without saying that the absence of this Second Avenue bus stop along the M86 SBS route is an inconvenience for all but represents a hardship for seniors and the disabled. I respectfully request that MTA, DOT and Con Ed make a coordinated effort to restore the bus stop on the northwest corner of 86<sup>th</sup> Street and Second Avenue immediately, apart from the timelines of the kiosk installation. Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca A. Seawright". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT

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