

LIST OF CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE NEW YORK CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

The attached correspondence from The New York City Police Department and The New York City Fire Department is referenced in Chapter 6, “Community Facilities.” These letters describe the Proposed Action’s impact on police and firefighting staff, services, and resources.

- New York City Police Department, September 25, 2003;
- New York City Fire Department, October 7, 2003; and
- New York City Fire Department, March 15, 2004.



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September 25, 2003

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Dear Mr. Liebowitz:

I am writing in response to your request for information about police services in the area of the Hudson Rail Yards located on the West Side of Manhattan. It is my understanding from your letter that your firm is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement to evaluate the feasibility of expanding the service of the number 7 Flushing subway line.

Let me begin by confirming that the precincts concerned for the area you described are the 10th precinct, Midtown North, and Midtown South. The Manhattan Traffic Task Force covers areas in Manhattan below 59th Street and is frequently deployed to locations where their services are needed, which includes the Hudson Rail Yards, if there were a traffic condition.

Transit District 1 covers the western most end of the number 7 Flushing subway line and would likely maintain police services on the number 7 train if it were extended in that direction. Any expansion of transit facilities serviced by the NYPD would require an extension of police communications equipment as well.

Troop B is presently the closest Mounted unit located near your proposed site. Their primary function is traffic and crowd control. However, as of September 30th, 2003 they will be relocated to Pier 63 at 23rd street, which is outside of the area covered by your proposal.

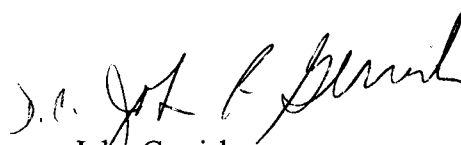
Staffing for these units is always changing based on the needs of the service areas they cover. Any expansion of the subway system would likely require additional personnel to the covering Transit District, in this case District 1. The following represents the total uniformed staffing for the areas you requested as of August 31st, 2003:

Command	Address	Staffing
10th Precinct	230 W 20 th St.	149
Midtown South Precinct	357 W 35 th St.	387
Midtown North Precinct	306 W 54 th St.	269
Mounted Troop B	621-25 W 42 nd St.	22
Manhattan South Traffic Task Force	138 W 30 th St.	377
Transit District 1	59 th St./Columbus Circle	181

The Department continuously evaluates staffing needs throughout the City and we take into consideration all possible factors that may impact those needs. The Police Department assigns personnel based on a variety of factors including demographics, calls for service and crime conditions. As for predicted changes in personnel as a whole and in the specified areas, it is difficult to determine what our needs will be 7 or 23 years from now. New York City constantly confronts new law enforcement needs and over the past few years the Police Department has adopted many new enforcement techniques. You can be assured, however, that the NYPD, which has a proven history of accommodating the tremendous growth in both population and industry in the City, will continue to do so in the years to come.

I hope this information has addressed your needs and will assist with your planning. In the future, please send correspondence to the Office of Management Analysis and Planning, Resource Analysis Section, Room 1403, 1 Police Plaza, New York, NY 10038.

Sincerely,



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FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Re: CM-1189R/C26501 Preparation of a Draft and
Final Environmental Impact Statement and
Provision of Transit Engineering Services for
the Proposed No. 7 Subway Extension-Far
West Midtown Manhattan Rezoning

Dear Sir:

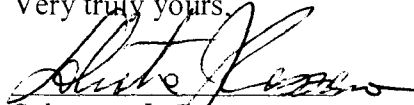
The Fire Department has considered the proposed development for the above referenced project and will try to address those areas of concern that you have expressed.

Your list of Fire Companies is accurate but incomplete. Engine Company 3, Ladder Company 12 and Battalion 7 at 150 West 19th Street should be added. All the Fire Companies in this area are staffed and equipped as per FDNY standards used throughout the city. In addition, we have the resources to meet existing fire prevention and control needs and no changes are anticipated.

The proposed addition of approximately 42 million square feet of commercial, office and residential space along with an increase of over 25,000 residents, 125,000 office workers and 75,000 occupants of a multi-use stadium could have a significant impact on the firefighting services in this area. The FDNY may need additional resources to continue to provide adequate fire protection if the proposed development proceeds as described.

We appreciate being consulted at this early stage in the process and look forward to reviewing plans for fire safety as they are developed. If you have any questions please call Captain Paul Conlon at (718) 855-8571.

Very truly yours,



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Re: CM-1189R/C26501 Preparation of a
Draft and Final Environmental impact
Statement and Provision of Transit
Engineering Services for the Proposed
No. 7 Subway Extension – Far West
Midtown Manhattan Rezoning

Dear Sir:

The Fire Department is conducting an ongoing review of the proposed development of far west Midtown Manhattan, also known as the Hudson Yards Development. It is our understanding that this project involves several components including the following: an expansion of the Jacob Javits Convention Center; the construction of a 70,000 seat multi-use stadium; the extension of the number 7 subway line; the de-mapping of several streets and creation of parks and a new street, Hudson Boulevard; and the rezoning of large portions of the blocks west of 7th Avenue from West 28th Street to West 43rd Street, leading to future development.

We were informed by memo from the Department of City Planning that the city proposes 28 million square feet of office space, 12.6 million square feet (approximately 12,600 units) of residential space, 1.4 million square feet of hotel space and 600,000 to 700,000 square feet of retail space.

As this development progresses the Fire Department will have many requirements to be able to continue to provide fire protection to this area. Some of our requirements, both during construction and upon completion, are as follows: ensure adequate hydrants (spaced no more than 250' apart) on adequate cross-connected mains as per DEP requirements; provide access to Siamese connections; provide access to buildings and building entrances; provide emergency access lanes where necessary; maintain access to the Lincoln Tunnel especially at the Fire Department staging areas at West 40th Street and Dyer Avenue (north and center tubes) and West 40th Street and Galvin Avenue (south tube); and access must be maintained to the Javits

Convention Center. These requirements are general in nature and will become more specific as specific plans are proposed.

One further requirement that the Fire Department has determined will be necessary is the addition of a new firehouse. This will be needed to ensure adequate fire protection as this development proceeds. At present, there are no firehouses west of 7th Avenue from West 10th Street to West 37th Street. This area of approximately 650 acres or over one square mile encompasses many of the blocks where the new development will take place.

As this project progresses, at some point a critical level of population density will be reached at which time the ability to provide adequate fire protection will suffer. In the interest of reasonable and proactive planning the time to establish a new firehouse should be in the earliest stages of development. The general area of West 29th Street and 11th Avenue has been identified as an ideal location for this firehouse.

We appreciate being consulted at this early stage and we know that you will help to ensure that the Fire Department is able to continue to serve the public as this development proceeds. If you have any questions please call Captain Paul Conlon at (718) 855-8571.

Very truly yours,



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