



The City of New York

Manhattan Community Board 1

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TRANSPORTATION PLANNING CERTIFICATION REVIEW

PUBLIC MEETING/LISTENING SESSION

For New York Metropolitan Transportation Council

**New York Metropolitan Transportation Council
199 Water Street, 22nd Floor, New York City, NY 10038
Thursday, July 17, 2014 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm**

Concerns of Manhattan Community Board 1

- Harden the subway stations and tunnels; fast-track interim solutions for protection
- Rebuild by Design competition Big U project needs to be implemented in Lower Manhattan, which would protect public transportation system
- Improve signalling for subways to alleviate congestion and eliminate the "wave" affect
- Continue funding for New York City Department of Transportation Lower Manhattan Borough Commissioner's Office
- There is 120% overcrowding on 4/5/6 and 2/3 subway lines which leads to dangerously crowded platforms and overcrowded subway cars
- Regular cleaning of subway stations and tracks; general cleanliness is an issue
- Repair leaky stations with dripping ceilings
- Rehabilitation of the South Ferry Station. Fast track the project so that it is "buttoned up" from the next extreme weather event and returned back to the park for the public in a community starved for park space
- 2nd avenue subway must be completed as soon as possible in order to relieve other modes of transportation that are significantly over-capacity
- Mechanism to protect people from falling into the tracks (i.e. platform screen doors). The City is doing a pilot program in the Rector Street station in Lower Manhattan using sensors that would alert the train conductors when/if something/someone falls in the tracks; what is the status of that project and if/when will it be expanded to other stations?
- Request analysis of transportation infrastructure shortfall (given the rapidly increasing residential, tourist, worker populations and infrastructure deficits), identify problem areas and make a plan for alleviating over-crowding of public transportation
- Enforcement/education of cyclist rules and regulations; problems with cyclists riding bikes on sidewalks, wrong direction of traffic, failing to stop at red lights/stop signs which poses a safety threat to both pedestrians and vehicles; enforce no parking in cycle lanes
- Note that our district is surrounded by water on three sides and is prone to severe weather events; we're at the tip of an island which becomes a major problem in the case of a disaster and evacuations are needed.