



THE MTA MAY CLOSE THE CLARK ST STATION FOR A YEAR

The Brooklyn Daily Eagle reported that the MTA may close the Clark Street Station for an entire year to replace its three elevators.

An MTA spokesperson would neither confirm nor deny that this shutdown would occur and would only say that the MTA will issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) this July and award a contract late this summer. The closure would occur in early 2020.

The BHA is deeply concerned that:

- 1) The MTA has not communicated with the community about this project and plans to issue the RFP without an open discussion of the alternatives;
- 2) A complete closure of the station for one year would severely impact the small businesses within the station and along Clark and Henry Streets;
- 3) Nearly 2 million riders who use the station yearly would be unnecessarily inconvenienced; and
- 4) It would be difficult or impossible for residents with limited mobility to walk to the Borough Hall station.

The BHA contacted our elected officials who wrote to MTA President Andy Byford to request that the MTA “consider all possible options for making these repairs before deciding to close the station completely for a year or more.”

We deserve real accountability from the MTA. The BHA will work with our elected officials and the community to advocate for a phased work plan that would allow the station to remain open throughout the project.

WHAT CAN WE DO TO STOP A COMPLETE CLOSURE?

Call or write the MTA and our elected officials. Tell them that while the replacement of the elevators is needed, the work must occur in phases so that the station can operate at all times.

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