



May 8, 2019

Andy Byford, President
New York City Transit
2 Broadway
New York, NY 10004

Dear President Byford:

We write regarding the MTA's plans to renovate the elevators at the Clark Street (2/3) subway station. A recent report by the *Brooklyn Daily Eagle* suggests that the MTA plans to close the entire station for one year to allow for the simultaneous replacement of its three aging elevators. Upon inquiring about this plan, we were told that the MTA could not confirm or deny this information in advance of the release of the request for proposals. Given the impacts that a year-long closure would have on the surrounding community and the businesses located within the station, we are requesting clarity on this matter. In addition to the impact on its immediate businesses, a full station closure would also impact many small businesses along Clark and Henry Streets, as well as those residents whose mobility problems would make a walk to the Borough Hall or High Street stations difficult, if not impossible. We ask for a more transparent engagement process that includes elected officials and the local community.

Furthermore, we request that the MTA consider all possible options for making these repairs before deciding to close the station completely for a year or more. If the MTA can demonstrate that the only way to undertake this project is by a full station closure, we hope to see the agency's contingency plan for riders and the affected businesses.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you would like to discuss this further, you may contact any of us directly or via Danielle Zuckerman in Senator Kavanagh's office at 718-875-1517 or Susannah Pasquantonio in Assemblymember Simon's office at 718-246-4889.

Sincerely,

Brian Kavanagh
State Senator

Jo Anne Simon
State Assemblymember

Nydia M. Velázquez
Congresswoman

Stephen T. Levin
City Councilmember

cc: Brooklyn Community Board 2
Brooklyn Heights Association