

community surrounding it in order to consider public opinion and entertain suggestions and recommendations for alternative means of transportation; and

Whereas, The official position of the MTA in relation to holding public hearings on the subway changes affecting the Grand Street station is that because the changes are of a temporary nature, no public hearing is required by the State Public Authorities Law which provides for public hearings; and

Whereas, The MTA's decision not to hold any public hearings on this issue is offensive to the thousands of riders who will be affected by the subway rerouting and to members of the local community surrounding the Grand Street station in that they are deprived of any official, public forum in which to voice their concerns and recommendations directly to representatives of the MTA; and

Whereas, The lack of public hearings on this issue contravenes the spirit of the State Public Authorities Law that intends to provide an opportunity for the expression of public opinion where significant transportation changes are being considered for a substantial period of time; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the appropriate committee of the City Council hold hearings on the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's plan to severely curtail service between Brooklyn and the Grand Street subway station in Lower Manhattan as a result of repair work to the Manhattan Bridge.

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