

Greenwich Village Block Associations

20 Bank Street, New York, NY 10014

Bedford, Barrow & Commerce
Bedford Downing
Bleecker Area Merchants & Residents
Carmine Street
Central Village (Cornelia, Barrow, Jones)
Charlton Street
Christopher Street Block & Merchants
Christopher Street East
East 10th Street
East 11th Street
East 12th/13th Street
Far West Bank Street
Far West 10th Street
Grove Street
Horatio Street
Jane Street
MacDougal Alley Assoc.
MacDougal Street North
Mercer Street
Minetta
Morton Street
Mulry Angle/W. 11th Street
Perry Street
St. Luke's Place
Upper West 13th Street
Washington Place
Washington Sq./ Lower 5th Ave
Waverly
Waverly-Bank 11 Neighbors
West Houston Street
West 8th Street
West 9th Street
West 10th Street
West 13th Street - 100 Block

February 12, 2009

Elliot G. Sander
Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer
Metropolitan Transportation Authority
347 Madison Ave, 7th Floor
New York, NY 10017
Dear Mr. Sander:

The Greenwich Village Block Associations (GVBA) is a community wide coalition representing dedicated to preserving and improving the quality of life for residents of our historic community.

At our meeting on January 29, the members of GVBA unanimously voted to **oppose** the MTA's proposal to eliminate the M8 bus route.

The M8 is a vital form of transportation to our extended communities. It connects the historic West Village to the artistic East Village. It connects the residents and tourists to the eclectic shops, restaurants and entertainment venues for which these neighborhoods are known. The M8 transports students, parents, the elderly and the disabled to the various schools and medical facilities.

To eliminate the M8 bus route would create an additional hardship to those who live, work and visit an area that is a major contributor to the economy of New York City.

GVBA respectfully requests that alternative solutions to New York's financial problems are considered.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Dorato
Executive Director

Hon. Jerrold Nadler, Congressman Hon. Tom Duane, NY State Senator
Hon. Deborah Glick, Assembly Member Hon. Scott Stringer, Man. BP
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