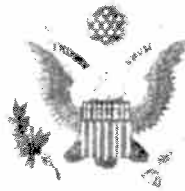
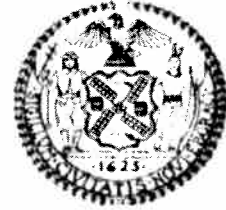


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March 25, 2010

Thomas F. Prendergast
President, New York City Transit
Metropolitan Transit Authority
2 Broadway
New York, NY 10004

Dear President Prendergast:

We write to you regarding your announcement that building façades on Second Avenue between 93rd and 97th Streets have begun to deteriorate and could be in danger of falling as Second Avenue Subway construction proceeds. We recognize that these are old buildings, but there are concerns that the deterioration is being exacerbated as a direct result of construction on the Second Avenue Subway. We are also concerned that there may be other buildings that you have not yet identified that could have similar issues.

We appreciate your work in identifying buildings that are in need of intervention, and we are pleased to know that this work is being undertaken in order to enable tenants to remain in their homes over the long-term. Our constituents naturally are concerned about the impact of these repairs on their quality of life and we would appreciate your assurances that everything is being done to ensure their swift return to their homes and the preservation of the buildings in which they live.

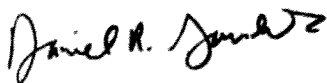
Accordingly, we ask that you provide us with the following detailed information:

- In each case, please advise what caused you to identify a particular building as needing intervention. What is wrong with the building? What steps need to be taken to repair the building?
- What caused these particular buildings to need immediate intervention? Were there violations against them pending with the Department of Buildings prior to the MTA's action? Are there uncorrected violations that have been pending since before construction began? Had the landlords taken any actions to correct violations prior to this action? If so, what actions had they taken?

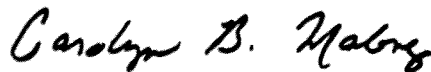
- Will any tenants remain in the building during repairs?
- If so, what measures will be taken to ensure that residents who remain in these affected buildings will be safe during and following the completion of necessary repairs?
- How long will residents be required to leave their apartments while repairs are being made? What is the estimated number of tenants from each building who will be relocated? What security will there be to ensure that residents' property is not taken during construction? Will construction require laborers to enter any individual apartments? Who will be responsible for telephone, cable and other utility costs tenants may incur while the apartments are vacated?
- We appreciate knowing that the MTA is saying that it will bear the costs for residents during their temporary relocation. How will residents claim costs? Will they be required to seek reimbursement? How long will they be out of pocket? How will the MTA determine what constitutes a cost of the temporary move? Will such costs include a per diem for meals?
- We appreciate the fact that the MTA has inspected buildings adjacent to Second Avenue Subway construction to determine whether any additional buildings could be impacted by construction. Has the MTA inspected the entire construction route at this point? Are any buildings below 94th Street in danger of experiencing damages from construction? Do we now know the universe of impacted buildings, or will there be others as construction progresses? How can we be certain that all buildings that could be impacted have now been identified?
- Please provide details as to the measures the MTA will take to protect pedestrians and traffic between 94th and 95th Streets from falling debris or other consequences of repair work.

We look forward to finalizing a meeting with you on this issue and ask that you come prepared with the above information at that time. If you have questions about this request, please feel free to contact Matt Scanlan in the Office of Council Member Garodnick at (212) 818-0580.

Sincerely,



Daniel R. Garodnick
City Council Member



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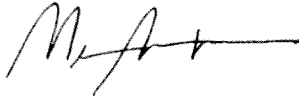
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