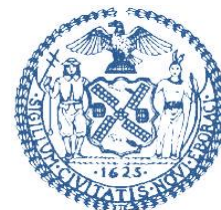


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September 4, 2018

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

Dear President Byford:

We write today on behalf of our constituents and neighbors who live on 14<sup>th</sup> Street and are currently dealing with the noise and quality of life issues stemming from the L-Train construction between 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and Avenue B. While we both support and understand the necessity of the work on the L-Train, we have received ongoing complaints from our constituents. It is critical that New York City Transit and the contractor on the site, Judlau, implement increased mitigation measures both as we approach the L-Train shutdown in April 2019 and during the repair work leading up to it.

Our constituents along 14<sup>th</sup> Street have dealt with excessive noise and vibrations that begin early in the morning and end late in the evening for months. It is our understanding that the longevity and frequency of the work will only increase as we get nearer to the shutdown next year when construction will be occurring 24 hours a day and seven days a week.

Complaints our offices have received include:

- hearing noise from the construction while having the windows closed, air conditioner on, and television on;
- persistent banging and hammering;
- loud operation of generators for hours on end;
- clouds of dust in the air at sidewalk level and within the lower apartments;
- residents living as high as the 11<sup>th</sup> floor regularly hearing the construction;
- vibrations originating from the work on 14<sup>th</sup> Street that can be felt in apartments within the neighboring buildings;
- very noisy drilling and jackhammering at hours outside of the noise code's standard construction hours;
- some residents being forced to stay with friends in other parts of the city for lack of ability to sleep through the night without being awoken by construction noise.


We would like to invite you to meet us at this construction site in the immediate future to discuss mitigation measures, including our recommended solutions:

- installing noise muffling devices on all equipment;
- placement of additional dust mitigation protection, including high barriers to restrict residents from breathing in dust;
- implementing air quality monitoring measures and standards;
- providing nearby residents with information that includes a contact phone number and a clear timeline with hours of operation;
- meeting with tenants that are experiencing vibrations in their apartment;

We hope that the MTA will take these issues and recommendations seriously. As you know, we have a responsibility to ensure that our constituents do not suffer during 15 months of construction.

Thank you for all of your work on behalf of New Yorkers. I hope that we can work together to resolve this issue. If you have any questions, please contact Ben Jacobs in Council Member Powers' office at 212-818-0580.

Sincerely,



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Congresswoman



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