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Dear Mayor Spano,

We appreciate your longstanding interest in the redevelopment of the Yonkers Depot. As we have communicated many times, we support your efforts and do not see the Yonkers Depot as an obstacle in proceeding with development. Since 2012, we have regularly met with representatives of the City of Yonkers and New York City, from whom we lease the property, regarding the waterfront development.

To be clear on the history and ownership of the property, this is a site owned by the City of New York, which the MTA has leased since 2004.

The Yonkers Depot is a critical part of our bus operations infrastructure, providing six express bus routes between Yonkers or Western Bronx and Manhattan, serving an average weekday ridership of 4,200 people who rely on these buses to get to and from work, school, doctor's appointments and more. We service and maintain 80 buses in the depot, and have administrative facilities on site. While we understand the intent to incorporate the 3.65 acres on which the depot sits into the overall development of the area, substantial time and expense would be needed to locate and build another site, and there would be environmental and operational impacts associated with a relocation.

To be clear, any relocation of the depot would require the identification of an alternate, workable site and full funding. Additionally, it's imperative that any plan ensures bus operations would not be impacted and we are happy to work with the City of Yonkers, the City of New York, and other stakeholders on that crucial matter. Our customers depend on us to get them where they need to go and any proposal must prioritize the needs of New Yorkers.

We look forward to continued communication on this issue and most importantly, a thoughtful, workable\_resolution that puts our customers first.

Craig Cipriano

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