



INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF FLORAL PARK

Trustee Stewart offered **Resolution No. 2024-160** to oppose the MTA Queens Bus Network Redesign proposed Final Plan as presented below:

WHEREAS, the Incorporated Village of Floral Park is an incorporated municipality with approximately 16,000 residents located in western Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Floral Park has an area of less than two square miles and is completely bisected by the right of way of the Metropolitan Transit Authority (“MTA”) and its wholly owned subsidiary, the Long Island Rail Road (“LIRR”), the nation’s largest and busiest commuter railroad; and

WHEREAS, the Village is also serviced by Nassau Inter-County Express (“NICE”) bus service and its N24 bus, which also runs along Jericho Turnpike/Jamaica Avenue to the Jamaica Station; and

WHEREAS, the MTA, in its Queens Bus Network Redesign Proposed Final Plan (the “PFP”), has proposed a new Q110 bus route which runs directly parallel to the LIRR Mainline (which includes stops at Jamaica, Hollis, Queens Village, Elmont/UBS Arena, Bellerose and Floral Park) from the Jamaica LIRR Station (the start) to the Floral Park LIRR train station (the finish); and

WHEREAS, the new Q110, together with LIRR Mainline Service and the NICE N24 bus, would add a 3rd mode of public transportation serving exactly the same area therefore adding multiple redundancies with no increased service area; and

WHEREAS, as the proposed new Q110 route would traverse roads owned and operated by the Incorporated Village of Floral Park, the MTA would need approval to run passenger bus service over Village roads from both the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Transportation, under New York State Transportation Law, Section 153(5), and from the Village under the Village Code, and at the time of this resolution neither process has been initiated; and

WHEREAS, the proposed route of the Q110 as reflected in the PFP would exacerbate existing traffic congestion and impede the delivery of essential services of the Village’s Police, Fire and Ambulance first responders; and

WHEREAS, the Village has been apprised by the MTA of a potential alternate route which is not reflected in the PFP but which is under consideration by the MTA and by which the Q110 would travel northbound on South Tyson Avenue to return to Jericho Turnpike (the “South Tyson Alternate Route”); and

WHEREAS, the South Tyson Alternate Route, would not only create similar traffic problems but would also create an unacceptably dangerous condition for the Village’s school children as the

John Lewis Childs Elementary School (pre-K to 6th Grade) is located along this proposed alternate route; and

WHEREAS, the proposed establishment of a bus terminal for the new Q110 at the Floral Park LIRR station on a street (i.e. Caroline Place) which is narrow with minimal, if any, passing room for cars will create significant traffic backups at the station and block crosswalks and impede existing handicap access to the station.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that the Floral Park Village Board of Trustees, here assembled, unanimously opposes the MTA's suggested termination of the Q110 Bus at the Floral Park LIRR station. We firmly believe that this it will create negative impacts on the Floral Park community, as described above, with no benefit to the residents or businesses of Floral Park or its surrounding communities. The expense connected with completing this project far exceeds any justification of need. In addition, there has been little consideration given to the severity of the adverse impacts to be suffered by our community, economically, socially and physically.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we urge our constituents, their families, friends and neighbors to submit comments to the MTA to publicly state their strong and unbending opposition to the placement of the Q110 at the Floral Park LIRR station and suggest that the funds earmarked for this project instead be used for other improvements within the Queens bus network.

The Resolution was seconded by Trustee Longobardi and adopted on roll call as follows:

Trustee Pombonyo	- Aye
Trustee Chiara	- Aye
Trustee Stewart	- Aye
Trustee Longobardi	- Aye
Mayor Fitzgerald	- Aye

Joseph E. O'Grady
Village Clerk