



November 16, 2015

Thomas F. Prendergast
Chairman & CEO
Metropolitan Transit Authority
347 Madison Ave
New York, NY 10017

Dear Thomas F. Prendergast,

We are writing to you to request confirmation on work to be done on the 161st Street Subway Station, commonly referred to as the Yankee Stadium Station. During our last correspondence in January 2014, it was understood that the 161st Street Subway Station serves as important venue to the economic vitality of the Bronx. While our request to paint and restore the exterior of the 161st Street Station would not be accomplished right away, we were pleased to learn that there were long-term plans to paint the station.

It was indicated that there would be a overcoat painting job for the Jerome Avenue 4 Line which would include painting of the elevated structure from the portal at E. 157th Street to E. 164th Street, as well as some steel repairs. The contract to do the work was expected to be awarded in 2016 and we are looking for confirmation on the matter.

As the 161st Street Station continues to grow in popularity, it is becoming increasingly important that the station offers visitors and commuters a welcoming environment. As elected officials representing the immediate community in the area, we are requesting a more comprehensive update about the project's timeline and feasibility to be carried out in 2016. In this way, we can work collaboratively to address the community's expectations from the MTA around this topic.

We appreciate that the Jerome Avenue 4 Line is included in the 2015-2019 MTA Capital Program, and we eagerly anticipate the enhancement of the 161st Street Subway Station. Please let us know if we can be of any assistance in this effort. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

New York State Senator José M. Serrano

Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.

United States Congressman José E. Serrano

New York Assembly Member Latoya Joyner

New York City Council Member Vanessa L. Gibson