

May 30, 2019

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

Dear President Byford:

The residents of the West Village recently learned of the planned discontinuation of service of the Abingdon Square loop on M14A bus service. If this happens, it will have a devastating effect on our community.

Our community includes Westbeth and West Village Houses which have a number of senior and disabled residents, as well as families with small children. The M14A is a lifeline for them to get to vital services along the 14th Street corridor: Mt. Sinai medical services, Union Square Farmer's Market, Westside Market, Trader Joes and Beth Israel, just to name a few.

I know that some MTA officials are recommending that people take the M20 to the M14 and then transfer to an uptown subway or bus. Bus riders tend to be older and poorer and this will place an undue burden of additional time, money and energy for these riders.

I urge you to keep the Abingdon Square Loop as part of the M14A bus route.

Sincerely,