

June 8, 2004

Thomas J. Schulze, ARC Director  
New Jersey Transit Headquarters  
One Penn Plaza East  
Newark, NJ 07105

**Re: "Access to the Region's Core"**

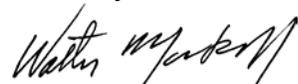
Dear Mr. Schulze,

Thank you for coming to the Transportation Planning Committee of Manhattan Community Board No. 4 to present "Access to the Region's Core," a report on efforts to create additional tunnel and track capacity under the Hudson River to meet the demands of projected increases in New Jersey Transit ridership.

Manhattan Community Board No. 4 strongly supports all reasonable efforts to increase non-automotive transit options into and out of Manhattan. We are pleased that New Jersey Transit appreciates the future demand for travel into our district and look forward to seeing the results of your study. You indicated that in two different phases, options for new tunnels, tracks, platforms and concourses will be studied, planned, designed and possibly constructed. Community Board No. 4 is eager take an active role in this process and help you determine the best ways to offer residents and commuters in New York City and New Jersey excellent and affordable non-automotive transportation options.

We thank you for briefing us at this early stage and ask you to continue to include us in this important process.

Sincerely,



Walter Mankoff  
Chair  
Manhattan Community Board No. 4



Joshua David  
Co-Chair  
Transportation Planning Committee



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Co-Chair  
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