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As you know, we are nearing the end of a five week shutdown of the Greenpoint Tube on the G line. In advance of the closure, the MTA undertook several service steps to make this shutdown less difficult for riders, which were greatly appreciated.

One mitigation put in place by the MTA was the long-sought free out-of-system transfer from the Broadway G stop to the Lorimer J/M stop. We request that the MTA make this free transfer permanent. We understand that free transfers are not without precedent, as the permanent out-of-system transfer between the Lexington/59th Street stop and Lexington/63rd Street stop has been in place for over a decade.

As we have seen in the past, the MTA working together with the community can have significant positive effects on service, even within budget constraints -- in recent years, the MTA and Senator Squadron worked together to create the Full-Line Review, which has resulted in positive impact on a number of lines.

As seen in the results of the 2013 Full-Line Review of the G train, G train riders transfer more than riders on any other line, and about half do not regularly use unlimited Metrocards. And, according to MTA ridership statistics, both the Lorimer J/M and Broadway G stops have seen significant ridership increases since 2008, often higher than the overall system-wide increases in that same period. In light of these facts, we believe the benefit of a permanent out-of-system transfer at this stop is significant.

We recognize the fiscal constraints in building additional in-system transfers. However, as we work towards a shared goal of improving transit infrastructure, service, and access for our city, we view implementation of this out-of-system transfer as a low-cost way to improve service, and an important piece of increased connectivity for the neighborhoods served by these lines.

We look forward to your response. Please feel free to contact Senator Squadron's office at [212-298-5565](tel:212-298-5565) to discuss this request.

Sincerely,

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