



Metropolitan Transportation Authority

State of New York

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The Honorable Michael Griffin
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Dear Supervisor Griffin:

Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to meet with our staff on September 8, 2015 to discuss the upcoming MTA Police Monopole project.

As we explained during our recent meeting and in previous correspondence that began in June 2014, the New York State Police and MTA Police have partnered to deploy the Metropolitan Regional Radio System (MRRS), which will improve critical public safety communications through state-allocated radio channels and spectrum. As you may be aware, there is a state directive to have interoperable communications between all state/county/city agencies as a result of several catastrophic incidents including 9/11 and Superstorm Sandy. This system addresses that directive and will provide MTA Police with the necessary coverage and uninterrupted communications for all Metro-North stations/facilities, the five train lines and the roadways within the MTA service territory. It will also provide National Interoperability/Mutual Aid Channels similar to the system that helped provide successful response across a wide area during Superstorm Sandy. MRRS's Interoperability/Mutual Aid channels will improve safety during emergency operations and natural disasters, provide joint training capabilities and enhance emergency communications for first responders of all levels of government, from localities to federal entities.

MRRS's monopoles will also provide the necessary infrastructure to improve access to emergency services (including E911) and cellular networks in areas where little or no coverage currently exists.

During our meeting several alternate installation locations were introduced and discussed. The MTA evaluated those locations and has the following review to offer:

The Patterson Baptist Church property located at 595 NY Route 311 is private property and cannot be considered for construction (the MTA cannot build on property owned by others).

The agencies of the MTA

MTA New York City Transit
MTA Long Island Rail Road

MTA Metro-North Railroad
MTA Bridges and Tunnels

MTA Capital Construction
MTA Bus Company

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The township also offered to build a monopole, at the town's cost, on the town-owned property located on Cornwall-Hill Road. Although this solution would present a lower capital outlay for the MTA, the site is deemed unsuitable for the MTA since it adversely impacts the RF coverage by creating coverage gaps along the right of way south of the originally proposed monopole location on Route 164.

I have enclosed the information we had promised to send you during our meeting: a map of the site where the monopole will be built, a site plan of the monopole's footprint and before and after site renderings of what the pole will look like from various vantage points. Please keep in mind that, pursuant to the Public Authorities Law, construction and operation of the new MTAPD monopoles and related facilities constructed on MTA property are exempt from local regulation and review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

As we discussed, we plan to begin taking boring samples in September, with construction of the monopole to follow in December. If this timeline changes in any way, we will let you know. In the meantime, should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (212) 878-1084.

Sincerely,



Michael R. Coan
Chief of Department

Enclosures

ROUTE 164 - PHOTOSIMULATIONS

Sheet 1 – Aerial view of proposed tower (green pin), and locations the photos were taken from (yellow pins)

Sheet 2 – Location 1 Pre-Tower

Sheet 3 – Location 1 Post Tower

Sheet 4– Location 2 Pre-Tower

Sheet 5 – Location 2 Post Tower











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