

# Save The G

Elliot G. Sander  
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Metropolitan Transportation Authority  
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Re: G Line Service

Dear Mr. Sander:

Save The G would like to meet with you to discuss the G line's future. Specifically, we have noted dramatic ridership increases on the line, particularly during morning rush hours, and are seeking relief for riders. Since each G train has only four cars and waiting times are longer than that for other lines, crowding has become a serious problem; and with continuing residential and commercial development booms along its route, from Long Island City to Red Hook, Brooklyn, this problem is growing acute.

As you know, in 2001 the G train was shortened from six subway cars to four; those G line subway cars were used to create the V train. Since its inception, the V train has consistently had the lowest ridership counts in the subway system – lower even than the G, which does not even serve Manhattan. It seems the trend will continue, yet the V has retained its full complement of subway cars.

We realize the MTA's budget is constrained, but we strongly believe that creative solutions can be found. Given that the V train is so moderately used, and the G train is increasingly crowded to the point where riders cannot board during peak morning hours, Save The G asks you to reallocate some V subway cars back to the G line, where they will be put to better use.

We hope to work with the MTA to help identify G line service needs to support the significant residential, commercial and economic development along its route, and look forward to hearing from you. Please call Teresa Toro at (718) 383-7489 to coordinate a meeting. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,  
Teresa Toro  
for Save The G