

COMMUNITY BOARD #1- MANHATTAN
RESOLUTION

DATE: JULY 29, 2003

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: WTC/REDEVELOPMENT

COMMITTEE VOTE: 8 In Favor 1 Opposed 1 Abstained 0 Recused
PUBLIC VOTE: 1 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
BOARD VOTE: 25 In Favor 10 Opposed 3 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: **West Street Short By-Pass**

WHEREAS: A recent random telephone survey of CB #1 residents conducted by the Community Board revealed the proposed West Street by-pass to be the lowest ranked transportation priority and there has been considerable community opposition from Battery Park City residents to the proposed West Street by-pass, and

WHEREAS: Among the concerns raised regarding the by-pass are:

- The very high cost of the project;
- The time it will take to complete the by-pass project;
- The impact that many years of construction will have on local residents and businesses (e.g., noise, pollution, and altered pedestrian and vehicular patterns);
- The effect the completed by-pass will have on traffic flowing from adjacent neighborhoods on to West Street;
- The effect that the tunnel entrances will have on pedestrian crossings at the Albany and Murray street intersections; and

WHEREAS: The high cost of this project is of particular concern given the many vitally important capital improvements needed at the WTC site and throughout Lower Manhattan and with the understanding that there clearly are not sufficient funds available for all these projects, and

WHEREAS: CB # 1 supports efforts to reduce traffic congestion and to improve pedestrian movement across West Street, and

WHEREAS: There remain many unanswered questions regarding the long and short term impacts of the by-pass and it is not clear that it will provide a net benefit to the community given its high cost in both dollars and negative impacts, now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 has serious reservations regarding the cost effectiveness of the West Street by-pass, and

BE IT

FURTHER

RESOLVED

THAT: CB # 1 calls upon NYS DOT and the LMDC to conduct a more thorough review of potential less costly alternatives to the West Street by-pass, including at grade solutions keeping in mind the concerns raised in this resolution, and

BE IT

FURTHER

RESOLVED

THAT: CB # 1 requests that NYS DOT and LMDC report back to the Community Board and to our community on their findings regarding all potential West Street alternative designs so that we can jointly agree to an acceptable West Street re-design that responsibly addresses the needs of pedestrians, vehicular traffic, and our community.