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# Victory in push to create No. 7 subway station

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Thanks to the great efforts of our members, REBNY had a big victory in the push for a No. 7 line subway station at West 41st St and 10th Avenue.

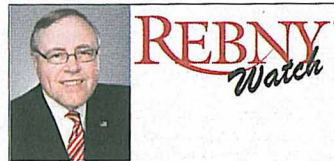
Mayor Bloomberg recently announced that the City will apply for \$3 million in TIGER II (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) Grants to make a future station at this location possible.

The funds, if granted, would be used to confirm that a redesigned station could be built after the rest of the extension is completed without disrupting No. 7 service if sufficient funds become available. TIGER II Grant money is federal funding allocated for transportation infrastructure. This station was originally a part of the plan but was cut due to budget constraints.

This funding is an important first step in fulfilling the promise made to thousands of residents and businesses who moved to the Far West Side because they believed they would have convenient transportation built in the near future.

The community deserves our continued support for funding to make the station a reality.

Thanks to the direction of REBNY chairman Mary Ann Tighe, everyone's efforts resulted in a great victory. REBNY applauds City Council Speaker Christine Quinn, who for months has been urging the City to apply for federal funding to keep open the possibility of building a station at this location.



Senators Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, Congressman Jerrold Nadler and Community Board 4 were also all instrumental in this effort and we thank and applaud them for their action.

A petition was circulated and generated 6,500 community members' signatures which accelerated the effort.

Special thanks go out to the REBNY members of our petition committee including Lynn Barber, Michael Goldenberg, Jonathan Hagemen, Randy Modell, Caroline Perrello, Sloane Rhulen, and Jeffrey Rothstein.

Efforts in the push for funding included a fact-finding trip to Washington, DC in May 2010 led by REBNY chairman Mary Ann Tighe when Council Speaker Quinn, REBNY representatives, along with business and labor leaders met with Alan Hoffman, Deputy Chief of Staff to Vice President Joe Biden to identify sources of funding.

Our members played a crucial role in making this subway station a priority for the administration. Without their support, the opportunity to build a No. 7 line subway station on the far West Side could have been lost.

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