

THE MTA WANTS TO CLOSE THIS BOOTH!

“The plan is a false efficiency. Cutting back on an official presence in the subways didn’t make sense even before September 11, and it’s especially troubling now.”

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The MTA is at it again. Now it wants to shut this booth permanently, even though it said it wouldn’t reduce service if the fare went up. This is one of 62 part-time booths the MTA wants to shut around the city.

In these tense times, the last thing the MTA should do is take away the system’s eyes and ears — the station agent. If this booth closes, we’ll all be at greater risk!

If your booth shuts, it will be tough to get help if there’s a problem. And you’ll be out of luck completely if you need directions or an agent to buzz you in or out of the station.

The MTA already gave in on plans to close 115 booths. We can beat back this latest outrageous threat to rider safety, security and convenience. Here’s what you can do:

Call, fax or send a letter to MTA Chairman Peter Kalikow. Urge him to save your booth and declare a moratorium on all booth closings. While you’re at it, please also call, fax or send your letter to Mr. Kalikow’s boss, Governor George Pataki.

FAX IT

Use the letter on the other side and fax it directly to: MTA Chairman Kalikow (212) 878-7031 (fax #) and Governor George Pataki (212) 681-4643 (fax #)

OR

SEND IT

Send the letter on the other side or your own letter to:

Chairman Peter Kalikow
Metropolitan
Transportation Authority
347 Madison Avenue
New York, NY 10017
Phone: 212-878-7200

Copy the letter to:
Governor George Pataki
Executive Chamber
Albany, NY 12210
Phone: (212) 681-4580

CHAIRMAN KALIKOW:

Keep riders safe — declare a moratorium on all booth closures

FAX TO: MTA Chairman Peter Kalikow, 212-878-7031 (fax #)
Governor George Pataki, 212-681-4643 (fax #)

FROM: _____

STATION NAME: _____

LINE(S): _____

DATE: _____

Dear Chairman Kalikow:

I am writing to urge you to keep riders safe by keeping station booths open.

As the Daily News pointed out in an editorial, riders “believe they’re a lot safer when booth clerks are present.” And as the paper’s Lenore Skenazy noted, “token clerks are the subway’s first responders. Last year, they made more than 60,000 emergency calls to report everything from passengers having heart attacks to lowlifes toting suspicious packages. The very presence of token clerks deters crime — why mug someone when you know there’s going to be a witness?”

At a time of heightened security in our city, the last thing the MTA should do is shut station booths. Please keep riders safe by keeping the booths open!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Print Name: _____

Address: _____

City and zip code: _____

CC: Governor George Pataki
Fax to: 212-878-7031 and 212-681-4643