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REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE OF CEQA APPEAL HEARING DATE
Statutory Exemption Case No. 2020-004631ENV ["MTA Slow Streets-Phase 1"]
BOS File No. 200883

Dear President Yee and Members:

I was advised by the Board Clerk's office to address this request for continuance to President Yee on the appeal in Board File 200883 noted above.

On behalf of Appellant, I respectfully ask for a reasonable continuance from September 1, 2020 to October 27, 2020, to allow sufficient time to brief this matter. This is my first request for a continuance on this appeal, and continuances are routinely granted by the Board.

On August 18, 2020, I received an e-mail from the Clerk's office stating that the appeal was scheduled for hearing on September 1, 2020, giving me only 14 days' notice with three days to submit a brief. I did not have time to submit an address list or a brief on the appeal by the August 21, 2020 deadline.

In fact, since this appeal was filed, the MTA has added several "phases" and streets to the Slow Streets Project, with their latest addition, the July 21, 2020 "Phase 3," appealed on August 20, 2020. Therefore, it would be more efficient if this appeal is heard at the same time as the later appeal of "Slow Streets-Phase 3."

This request would not affect the Planning Department's exemption or MTA's actions, since MTA has already implemented the Project. Therefore, the City would not be prejudiced.

On the other hand, Appellant and the public are significantly prejudiced by the inadequate time for briefing, submitting addresses of interested people, and preparing for hearing.

No matter where you stand on the exemption and merits of the appeal, the public interest would be best served by allowing adequate time to brief the appeal and providing the public the opportunity to submit meaningful comment for informed decisionmaking by the Board.

Therefore, Appellant respectfully asks the Board to continue the hearing on this appeal to October 27, 2020. Please reply by email to indicate if you will support this request.

Thank you.



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