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### MTA New York City Transit, NYCDOT Continue Series of Town Halls on the L Tunnel Reconstruction Project with Meeting on East Side of Manhattan

***The Monday, September 17, Event at Middle Collegiate Church to Include Updates on the Project's Progress and Plan for Transportation Options***

MTA New York City Transit and the New York City Department of Transportation (NYCDOT) will host another town hall meeting on the [L Tunnel Reconstruction Project](#). The latest in a years-long outreach effort including dozens of public meetings, this event will convene on the east side of Manhattan on Monday, Sept. 17 at the Middle Collegiate Church. Polly Trottenberg, NYC DOT Commissioner, and Andy Byford, President of New York City Transit, will be at the meeting.

The town hall will take place:

Monday, Sept. 17, 2018

Doors Open: 5:30 p.m.

Program: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Middle Collegiate Church

112 2nd Avenue

New York, NY 10003

The venue is ADA accessible.

To get to the event by subway, take the [R/W](#) to 8<sup>th</sup> Street or the [6](#) to Astor Pl, or for an accessible subway trip, take the [L/N/Q/R/W](#) to 14 St-Union Sq, the [6](#) to Bleecker St, or the [B/D/F/M](#) to Broadway-Lafayette St.

To get to the event by bus, take the nearby M8, M15, or M101/102/103.

#### ABOUT THE L TUNNEL RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

The [L](#) Train Tunnel – also known as the Canarsie Tunnel – was one of nine underwater tunnels that flooded during Superstorm Sandy in 2012, all of which required extensive rehabilitation and repair. The Tunnel was flooded with more than seven million gallons of salt water – nearly the amount of water held by 11 Olympic-sized swimming pools – and suffered extensive damage to tracks, signals, switches, power cables, signal cables, communication cables, lighting, cable ducts and bench walls throughout a 7,100-foot-long flooded section of both tubes. Bench walls throughout those sections must be rehabilitated to protect the structural integrity of the tubes.

The scheduled 15-month closure of the [L](#) Train Tunnel's two tubes begins in April 2019.

More information on the [L](#) Train Tunnel repairs and the alternate service changes are available on this dedicated [MTA micro-site](#) on the project.