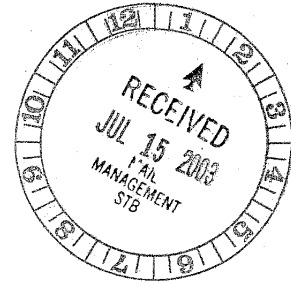


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To the Surface Transportation Board:

On behalf of Friends of the High Line, I would like to request to speak at the Public "High Line" hearing on July 24 at 2 p.m.

For the past forty years I have been a resident of West Village Community Board 2, for thirty of those years I have worked in the area as well – and during all that time have participated with local groups to address matters of mutual concern; I recognize here and now, a depth and breadth of community support for The High Line that is extraordinary.

I respectfully request three (3) minutes in which to express views on the matters at issue in the case entitled Chelsea Property Owners--Abandonment--Portion of the Consolidated Rail Corporation's West 30th Street Secondary Track in New York, NY, Docket No. AB-167 (Sub-No. 1094)A.

Respectfully yours,

Susan Sands
Community Board 2 Resident