



**Mother Clara Hale
Bus Depot
Task Force**

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HARLEM TASK FORCE TO CONVENE THREE COMMUNITY FORUMS

Will Educate Citizens About Community-Based Planning Meeting Sept. 20 on New Bus Depot

The *Mother Clara Hale Bus Depot Task Force*, comprised of WE ACT for Environmental Justice, a leading advocate for environmental justice for two decades; the offices of Assemblyman Herman “Denny” Farrell, state Senator Bill Perkins, and Councilwoman Inez Dickens, who each represent the area around the existing Mother Clara Hale Bus Depot on West 146th Street (between Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. and Malcolm X Boulevards); Community Board 10; and concerned community members throughout West and Central Harlem, will hold three community meetings next month to educate local residents in how to give input into an upcoming charrette on the new depot’s design.

The neighborhood meetings, on September 10, 11, and 17, at two different community centers in Central Harlem, will be in preparation for a daylong charrette on Saturday, September 20 at 8:30 a.m. at the A. Philip Randolph Senior Center, to give the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) input on the community impact of the ongoing demolition of the old depot and construction of a new depot.

Each of the three meetings will solicit information on how the overhaul will affect specific groups in Esplanade Gardens and other areas near the depot; and give details on the outline of the charrette, which has very specific procedures for providing design input into the new facility.

While the September 10 meeting is aimed at senior citizens and the September 11 meeting targets parents of young children, all three meetings are open to all concerned citizens in the neighborhood.

NOTE TO MEDIA: If you are unable to cover these, please include on your community calendars.

WHAT: First meeting about Mother Clara Hale Bus Depot charrette to minimize Harlem pollution

WHEN: Wednesday, September 10, 2008, 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

WHERE: A. Philip Randolph Senior Center, 108 West 146th Street (near the bus depot)

WHO: Senior citizens and others in the affected neighborhood (between 141st and 155th Streets and between Bradhurst and Fifth Avenues, centered on the Esplanade Gardens complex)

WHY: To educate citizens about the charrette, to ensure the new depot becomes a community asset

WHAT: Second meeting about Mother Clara Hale Bus Depot charrette to minimize Harlem pollution

WHEN: Thursday, September 11, 2008, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: Chama Child Development Center, 218 West 147th Street (between Frederick Douglass and Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Boulevards)

WHO: Parents and others in the affected neighborhood (between 141st and 155th Streets and between Bradhurst and Fifth Avenues, centered on the Esplanade Gardens complex)

WHY: To educate citizens about the charrette, to ensure the new depot becomes a community asset

WHAT: Third meeting about Mother Clara Hale Bus Depot charrette to minimize Harlem pollution

WHEN: Wednesday, September 17, 2008, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: Tioga Democratic Club, 201 West 148th Street (near Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Boulevard)

WHO: Anyone in the affected neighborhood (between 141st and 155th Streets and between Bradhurst and Fifth Avenues, centered on the Esplanade Gardens complex)

WHY: To educate citizens about the charrette, to ensure the new depot becomes a community asset

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