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### **OANA Position: Renovations of Elevated Subway Stations, “N” train, 31<sup>st</sup> St, Astoria NY**

While we appreciate the current renovation’s value to ridership, which emphasizes visual (Public art, design and material upgrades) and crowd control elements on NW Train stations on 31<sup>st</sup> st (39<sup>th</sup> Ave, 36<sup>th</sup> Ave, Broadway, and 30<sup>th</sup> Ave), we feel it extremely important that operational issues be addressed immediately.

These include repair/replace of tracks, switches and signals, and installation of elevators in each station for our many disabled and senior citizens. At present, none of the stations on the N/W subway line in Astoria meets the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) Standards for Accessible Design. Even with the planned installaton of elevators at the Astoria Blvd station (the only station set to receive elevators), people with mobility issues will be forced to use alternative methods to get there or to Queens or Queensboro Plazas.

We conclude that while the emotional advantage of a cosmetically improved station is a real asset, it should not overshadow the health, safety and efficiency needs of all commuters. We ask that capital improvements to trains, tracks, switches and ADA accessibility be immediately introduced.