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## **Straphangers to Provide Huge Subsidies for Bruce Ratner's Nets Arena Complex? *New York Riders Will Get Railroaded Unless MTA Demands Top Market Price***

BROOKLYN—In response to today's announcement of crippling MTA budget gaps, Develop Don't Destroy Brooklyn demanded that Chairman Peter Kalikow use **open bidding** to get top dollar for the MTA's Long Island Railroad Yards in Brooklyn, site of the proposed Nets Arena Complex.

"Giving away this invaluable land in a sweetheart deal to a billionaire developer is a good way to guarantee that straphangers will get left holding the bag," said Develop Don't Destroy Spokesman Daniel Goldstein.

"With the MTA threatening to raise fares and tolls, cut services and possibly even close stations, they owe it to straphangers and taxpayers to let other developers bid competitively, in order to get the best price possible for 11 acres of public property."

***DEVELOP DON'T DESTROY BROOKLYN leads a broad-based community coalition fighting for development that will unite our communities instead of dividing and destroying them.***