

At a Glance

access
queens

2015

Year established as a grassroots organization

80+

Total number of appearances or mentions in the media

7

Number of ongoing strategic projects

3,500+

Total number of Facebook and Twitter followers

3

Total number of recognitions or grants received

8

Number of active steering committee members

About

What began as a blog titled "7 Train Blues," Founder and Executive Director Melissa Orlando chronicled her daily commute on the 7 Train as it was plagued by delays, signal problems, and overcrowding. After it was turned into a social media campaign, its popularity warranted the formation of Access Queens. Today, Access Queens advocates for ethical residential development, city infrastructure, and transit needs that affect Queens, and works toward building constructive and strategic partnerships with transit agencies and elected officials.

Steering Committee

Melissa Orlando, Founder & Executive Director

Brandon W. Mosley, Senior & Creative Director

Christian Amez, Community Liaison

Patricia Dorfman, Strategist

Manny Gomez, Communication Specialist

Jeremy Rosenberg, Legal Advisor

Mitch Waxman, Strategist

Joe Anastasio, Researcher & Analyst

Accomplishments

2015

- Established 7 Train Blues on Facebook and Twitter
- Access Queens website launched
- Co-sponsored a town hall with City Council Majority Leader Jimmy Van Bramer and NYCT/MTA officials
- Created graphs and an interactive map that visually conveys ridership data

2016

- Received Citizens Committee for New York City grant for outreach to non-English speaking riders
- Brandon Mosley receives Citation of Honor from Borough of Queens President Melinda Katz, Councilmember Daniel Dromm, and Council Majority Leader Jimmy Van Bramer
- Participated in Waterfront Alliance Symposium panel titled, "Population Pressures"
- Launched 7 Train Survival Guide

2017

- Published and submitted L Train Shutdown proposal
- Supported City Comptroller Scott Stringer at a press conference on the failings of the MTA
- Launched N Train Blues and N Train Survival Guide ahead of weekend service closures
- Partnered with the New York Transit Museum to commemorate the Corona Extension's centennial
- Penned letter to city and state officials with jurisdiction in areas that rely on the 7 Train
- Melissa Orlando received Queens Impact Award presented by Sunnyside Chamber of Commerce and Sunnyside Artists

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