

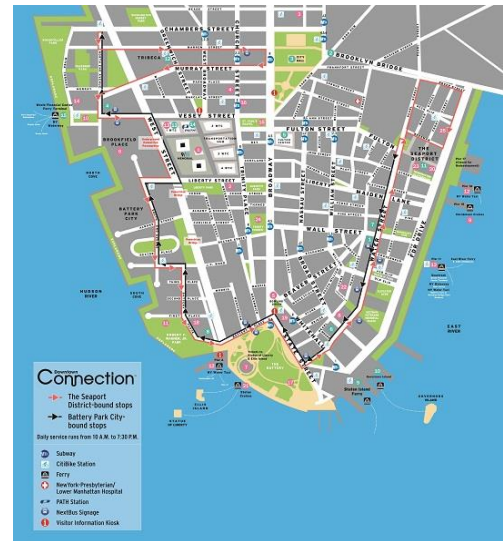


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## DOWNTOWN ALLIANCE ADDS SEAPORT DROP-OFF STOP TO FREE BUS SERVICE THE DOWNTOWN CONNECTION

**NEW YORK (December 14, 2016)** – The Alliance for Downtown New York has extended the route of The Downtown Connection, Lower Manhattan's free bus service, with the addition of a new drop-off only location at South Street and Peck Slip. This addition, the first in seven years, marks the 38th stop along the route that travels the neighborhood's perimeter and connects the Battery with the Seaport, and everything in between. The drop-off is located in front of The Paris Café at 119 South Street. Riders will continue to use the stop located on Water Street at the intersection of Fulton Streets to board the bus when leaving the Seaport District.



"The ongoing transformation of the Seaport District is exciting," said **Downtown Alliance President Jessica Lappin**.

"We hope that this additional stop will benefit our neighbors and bring greater foot traffic to the Seaport. Whether you're bringing home groceries, headed out for some shopping, going to work, or exploring the deep history of Lower Manhattan, The Downtown Connection can help get you where you're going."

"The Old Seaport Alliance is very grateful to both the Downtown Alliance and the Battery Park City Authority for making the new Seaport bus stop a reality, and we're eager to spread the word about this great victory" said **Whitney Barrat, Executive Director, Old Seaport Alliance**. "This new bus stop is a very important part of our ongoing efforts to improve access to the Old Seaport, and in so doing, more deeply connect our historic neighborhood with the rest of Lower Manhattan."

"The Downtown Connection is an integral part of the transportation network in Lower Manhattan and we're always on the lookout for ways we can better serve the community," added **Ron Wolfgang, SVP Operations, Downtown Alliance**. "We're happy to be able to bring a Seaport stop to the route and hope to see a positive response among our riders."

"Whether you're from the east or west coast of Lower Manhattan, the Downtown Connection makes our area's many cultural, culinary, and civic offerings more navigable," said **Battery Park City Authority President & Chief Operating Officer Shari C. Hyman**. "With a new Seaport location now just a bus ride away, Battery Park City and its residents are more easily linked with this vibrant, historic neighborhood. BPCA is happy to help provide this free community resource and commends the Downtown Alliance for extending it to reach more New Yorkers."

The Downtown Connection, a partnership program with the Battery Park City Authority, runs seven days a week, from 10 am to 7:30 pm, at an average interval of ten minutes during the week and fifteen minute on weekends. Riders can track the buses in real time using nextbus, which will send text alerts for the next arriving bus, and access free high-speed WiFi from Veniam while on the way to their destination. The Downtown Connection buses are operated by Golden Touch Transportation of New York.

The Downtown Connection map can be found [here](#) and photos are available [here](#).

*The mission of the Alliance for Downtown New York is to provide service, advocacy, research and information to advance Lower Manhattan as a global model of a 21st century Central Business District for businesses, residents and visitors. The Downtown Alliance manages the Downtown-Lower Manhattan Business Improvement District (BID), serving an area roughly from City Hall to the Battery, from the East River to West Street. For more information visit [www.downtownny.com](http://www.downtownny.com)*

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