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Ed Pincar
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
NYC Department of Transportation
59 Maiden Lane, 37th Floor
New York, NY 10037

Re: Citibike Infill Stations

Dear Commissioner Pincar,

Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) thanks the Department of Transportation (DOT) for consulting with the community on potential infill stations to expand the very popular Citibike service.

After reviewing the proposed locations, MCB4, at its November 7th Full Board meeting, voted with 37 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining and 0 present but not eligible to vote, on these comments:

1. As our sidewalks are extremely crowded, this community insists on locating the stations in the street and not on the sidewalk. Thus we oppose the proposed new station on the west side of Eighth Avenue between 42nd and 43rd Streets, on the recently created sidewalk extension. This extension is needed specifically to absorb the overflowing pedestrian traffic and free up the bike lane for cyclists. Under no circumstances should this area be used for a station.
2. We ask that you consider reversing the move to 15th Street at Sixth Avenue of the station originally located on 13th Street. We are concerned that this move will attract cyclists away from the protected crosstown bike lanes on 12th and 13th Streets and put them at risk in the unprotected bike lane on 15th Street.
3. Lack of rebalancing is a serious flaw of the current system. As we write this letter, midday on a business day, half of the 40 stations in our district have no operational bikes available. We request that you study the implementation of

additional supply and valet options for our district, especially above 20th Street and in Hell's Kitchen.

4. In spite of extensive residential and business development in our community, and the heavy demand from the Port Authority commuters, there is no proposed expansion from 30th to 45th Streets west of Eighth Avenue. We request that the following locations be evaluated for new stations, all in the street bed:
 - i. West 41st Street, south side, Eighth to Ninth Avenues, between the enclosure and the bus exit of the Port Authority Bus Terminal (six car lengths). This station is well connected to the Ninth Avenue southbound bike lane.
 - ii. Western curb lane of Hudson Blvd East, just north of West 35th Street. This park location is less than 100 feet from the # 7 Subway station entrance.
 - iii. West 40th Street near Tenth Avenue. This is a soft spot in the existing network and is adjacent to a 600-unit apartment tower and a school.
 - iv. West 30th Street between Tenth and Eleventh Avenues. This location is adjacent to the soon-to-be-open 35,000 square-foot food court, the Shed (a performing arts center), and a commercial building; it is also one block away from the crosstown protected bike lane.
 - v. West 37th Street between Ninth and Tenth Avenues, which would also serve the Port Authority Bus Terminal.
 - vi. Tenth Avenue in the floating parking lane of the proposed new bike lane at 52nd Street, which will intersect with a planned crosstown bike lane on 52nd Street. (Alternatively, enlarge the existing dock significantly.)
 - vii. Eleventh Avenue in the floating parking lane of the proposed new bike lane, which will be convenient to the planned crosstown bike lane on 50th Street
 - viii. On Hudson River Park at West 55th Street
5. Finally, we request that the bike lanes be resurfaced more frequently. The Eighth and Ninth Avenue bike lanes have not been painted since their creation over 10 years ago; the surface is in very poor shape and green paint is no longer visible. Similarly, the 15th Street lane markings have all disappeared. This creates dangerous conditions for cyclists.

We look forward to reviewing your revised proposal at or prior to our last planned meeting of the year on December 19, 2018, as we understand you will start implementing these changes in early 2019.

Sincerely,



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