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November 13, 2019

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

Re: Pedestrian and Cyclist Safety Issues –West 29th Street

Dear Borough Commissioner Pincar,

Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) is pleased with the implementation of the cross-town bike lane on West 29th Street. Below are two specific modifications we are suggesting in order to improve safety and reduce conflicts in the surrounding areas, which were voted on at our November 6th Full Board meeting with 37 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining, and 0 present but not eligible to vote:

- **Curbside Regulation on West 29th Street at Twelfth Avenue, south side, from the intersection to approximately 150-ft east into the block:** There is an obsolete Loading Zone regulation that should be updated to a “No Standing” regulation. The current regulation allows vehicles to park in the bike lane. The vehicular lane is a turning lane, so there is no space to park or load. This makes for a dangerous condition for cyclists.
- **Mixing Zone on West 29th Street and Eleventh Avenue, south side:** This mixing zone is dangerous, both for cyclists and for pedestrians crossing Eleventh Avenue, which is quite wide at this intersection. We request the installation of split phase leading pedestrian interval traffic signals (Split LPI) at this location. Split LPI’s installed at other locations in our district have greatly improved safety for pedestrians. Two cyclists have been killed in this corridor: Josef Mittlemann in November of 2017 and Michael Mamoukakis in June of 2017.

MCB4 appreciates your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Burt Lizarin
Chair
Manhattan Community Board 4

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Christine Berthet
Co-Chair
Transportation Planning Committee

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Dale Corvino
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