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**Re: LINK NYC new site permit applications:
LINK-021730 at 554 10 Avenue and LINK-021743 at 561 10 Avenue**

Dear Mr. Caras, Mr. Fergus and Mr. Goebel,

Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) appreciates the opportunity to comment on two new LINK installations under the guidelines of the Memorandum of Understanding between Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer and Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications (DOITT).

At MCB4's November 7th Full Board meeting, the Board voted by a vote of 36 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstaining, and 0 present but not eligible to vote, to object to any new installations on Tenth Avenue, unless they are considered "alternative locations" as part of a swap with the Eighth Avenue LINKs identified below and unless the Eighth Avenue LINKs are removed at the same time as the Tenth Avenue LINKs are installed.

In MCB4's March 2015 letter to the Borough President, copied to DOITT, MCB4 had requested that certain payphone locations not be replaced by LINKs, in particular 601 Eighth Avenue, on the south west corner of Eighth Avenue and 40th Street (which has turned out to be very problematic) and 701 Eighth Avenue, where there are three installation on a single block. This corridor is overcrowded with pedestrians. As specified in the protocol outlined in the contract with the provider, we had suggested over 100 potential alternative locations to replace these, including on Tenth Avenue.

Provided a swap is agreed upon, here are our comments on the specific locations DOITT proposes:

- 554 Tenth Avenue is in front of Covenant House, which occupies the block frontage between 40th and 41st Streets. Work on the redevelopment of this property will start in the next six weeks beginning with demolition, and followed by the high-rise construction.
We recommend you install the LINK on the north east corner of the block between 39th and 40th Streets, where an electric source is available. Bright overhead lighting has just ben installed, and construction is not planned there for the foreseeable future. Alternatively, the LINK could be installed on the southeast corner of the block between 41st and 42nd Streets.
- 561 Tenth Avenue: the location marked is right in front of a retail store entrance. The rest of the curb is already encumbered with multiple obstructions. This will conflict with deliveries. We suggest that the middle of the block between 40th and 41st streets, in front of 555 Tenth Avenue would be a better alternative. A school with 500 students has its entrance there and Internet and a charging station would be a valuable amenity.

Sincerely,



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