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Ed Pincar

Manhattan Borough Commissioner

NYC Department of Transportation

59 Maiden Lane, 37<sup>th</sup> Fl

New York, NY 10037

Loraine Grillo

Commissioner

NYC Department Design & Construction

30-30 Thomson Avenue

Long Island City, NY 11101

**Re: Complex Pedestrian Ramps Project HWPR19MC2**

Dear Commissioner Grillo and Borough Commissioner Pincar,

Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) is pleased that several ramps in our district will be created or upgraded to ADA standards. At its October 2<sup>nd</sup> Full Board meeting, MCB4 voted by 37 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining and 0 present but not eligible to vote to urge the Department of Transportation (DOT) to include in this new project new ramps at the intersections of:

- West 34<sup>th</sup> Street and Dyer Avenue (South West landing)
- West 42<sup>nd</sup> Street and Dyer Avenue (North East and North West landing)
- West 48<sup>th</sup> Street and Eighth Avenue (West crossing)

The T intersection with Dyer Avenue does not have ramps to access the sidewalk. These crossings serve a few large buildings whose residents include persons with disabilities. MCB4 has requested the installation of ramps at this location since 2010, when the City administration committed to such in the Western Rail Yards Points of Agreement. We understood it was delayed because it is a complex project. Now is the time to address it in priority.

We also ask you to inspect the North East ramp at the intersection of West 43<sup>rd</sup> Street and Tenth Avenue. The existing ramp is unusable due to its slope. This intersection is a major access point to Manhattan Plaza, a large complex with 2,500 apartments, occupied by a majority of seniors and a number of persons with disabilities.

We understand that the following intersections will be upgraded as part of the project:

Eighth Avenue:      W 34<sup>th</sup> Street, South West corner  
                              W 39<sup>th</sup> Street, South West corner  
                              W 44<sup>th</sup> Street, North West corner

Tenth Avenue:        W 43<sup>rd</sup> Street, North East corner  
                              W 58<sup>th</sup> Street, South West corner

We appreciate your including the three intersections mentioned above in this project.

Sincerely,



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Chair  
Manhattan Community Board 4



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Co-Chair  
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