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

Re: Tenth Avenue Bike Lane Proposal

Dear Commissioner Sanchez,

Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) supports the Hudson Yards/Hell's Kitchen Alliance (BID) request that the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) study the feasibility of installing a parking-protected bike lane on Tenth Avenue from 34th to 42nd Street. We further request that the study cover the full corridor from 14th to 57th Streets in order to connect with the planned crosstown protected bike lanes. The Board voted to support this request at its April 4th Full Board meeting by a vote of 33 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining, and 1 present but not eligible to vote.

Currently, Tenth Avenue is a wide avenue with six lanes of traffic at certain hours. Many vehicles travel at high speeds; over the last five years, there were two fatalities (including one cyclist) and 569 injuries (including 86 cyclists) on Tenth Avenue between 14th and 57th Streets.

With thousands of new workers, tourists and residents settling in Hudson Yards, it is urgent that the city provide a safe alternative method of commuting. In addition, we heard from many bicyclists who would prefer to travel north on Tenth Avenue instead of the Eighth Avenue bike lane, which is regularly used by pedestrians due to the sidewalk being overcrowded.

We expect the DOT to come back to MCB4 with a date for the study and then again with a proposal that includes all the features that will make the avenue safe for all users, including but not limited to raised pedestrian islands, protected intersections

instead of mixing zones and avenue signals timed to comply with the 25mph speed limit during day and night.

Along the Avenue we ask that DOT take the opportunity to inspect ADA ramps and bring them into compliance. Similarly, accessible pedestrian signals should be installed along with new traffic signals.

We look forward seeing the DOT's study of the Tenth Avenue corridor and a prompt implementation of the segment between 34th and 42nd Streets.

Sincerely,



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