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

Edward Schnell
Director, Revocable & Security Consents
NYC Department of Transportation
55 Water Street, Floor 9 West
New York, NY 10004

Re: Petition for a Revocable Consent – Pedestrian Tunnel crossing under Hudson Boulevard East, ($33/34^{th}$ Streets) for Hudson Blvd Sliver Owner, LLC (Related)

Dear Commissioner Sanchez and Mr. Schnell,

Manhattan Community Board 4, (MCB4) heard the request by Hudson Blvd Sliver Owners, LLC to support the creation of a 50-foot long East – West pedestrian passageway under Hudson Boulevard between 528 West 34th Street and the Hudson Yards' MTA station at our December Transportation Planning Committee Meeting.

Manhattan Community Board 4 voted to support the application for revocable consent with 36 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining and 0 present but not eligible to vote with the provisions below:

• The passage remain open until 1a.m. daily to accommodate patrons of the various restaurants that are planned in the complex, the complex's employees working late, as well as members of the local community attempting to shelter from bad weather.

• Signage be installed that are visible from the sidewalk to direct the public to this facility, if they so choose.

The owner indicated that the 13-foot wide passageway will link the Hudson Yards subway station to 528 West 34th Street owned by the Related Companies and will connect with the previously approved passageway going south under 33rd Street. These underground connections will allow employees, customers and members of the public to navigate indoor from the subway to the mall and commercial buildings in the Hudson Yards complex. The public passage will be ADA accessible.

Related, the Owner, will assume all the costs of construction, maintenance and security for the passage, coordinating general security needs with the NYPD and MTA. The owner has indicated that their property will be patrolled and completely monitored by cameras.

We are pleased that – following our previous letter – the Related Companies are actively working with streetscape architects and the Department of Transportation (DOT) to convert Hudson Boulevard East between 33rd and 34th Streets into a shared and safe pedestrian space.

Sincerely,

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