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Hon. Brad Hoylamm
New York State Senate
494 Eighth Avenue
New York, New York 1700

Luis Calderon
Acting Regional Director of Engineering, R11
New York State Department of Transportation
47-40 21st Street
Long Island City, NY 11101

Re: NYS Department of Transportation Route 9A Traffic Study

Dear Senator Hoylman and Acting Regional Director Calderon,

Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) would like to express its gratitude to the NYS Department of Transportation (NYS DOT) for undertaking the study of Route 9A, and to Senator Hoylman for organizing the August 8th meeting, as well as his ongoing vigilance on the issue of ensuring safety for Greenway pedestrians and cyclists. At its October 3rd Full Board meeting, MCB4 voted with 35 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstaining and 0 present but not eligible to vote to emphasize some key priorities:

- We would like to be assured that all intersections will be studied, and that upgrades are proposed to prevent conflicts between turning vehicles and Greenway users.
- We would like to consider all measures towards this end, including raised crosswalks and/or spilt phase signaling.
- We would like to ensure that all pedestrian crossings on Route 9A provide ample crossing time for seniors and children (key users of the park), and ensure that they are protected from turning traffic.
- We would like to ensure that green signal time is reduced at locations subject to congestion, to prevent spillover in pedestrian crossings
- On the Greenway itself, we would like to maintain a minimum spacing of 60” between bollards (whether interim or permanent), widening the bikeway where increased usage and surges make it necessary, and installing features to reduce speeding by riders.

We look forward to the completion of the study and the implementation of recommended measures.

Sincerely,



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