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

**Re: Loading Zone in Front of The Vermeer, 77 Seventh Avenue**

Dear Mr. Sanchez,

At its February 21st meeting, Manhattan Community Board 4's (MCB4) Transportation Planning Committee heard the residents' concerns regarding the dangerous loading and unloading that occurs at the entrance to The Vermeer residential building at 77 Seventh Avenue, which interferes with the bike lane. At its March 7th Full Board meeting, MCB4 voted unanimously in favor of supporting the delineation of a loading zone in front of The Vermeer with 34 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstaining, and 0 present but not eligible to vote.

We recognize the special challenge of this 350+ unit residential building with the bike lane directly in front of its main entrance on Seventh Avenue. Currently, the mixing zone in front of the entrance narrows due to the left turn lane. A safe and secure zone for residential deliveries, passenger pick-up and drop-offs, and Access-A-Ride vehicles is needed.

MCB4 supports a hotel-type loading zone with pedestrian crossing across the bike lane, loading zone restrictions, and bollards to prevent vehicular encroachment into the bike lane. We also support the installation of signage which alerts cyclists to the oncoming condition so they may prepare to slow down as necessary. Additionally, we support a split phase signal at the intersection of Seventh Avenue and West 14th Street to mitigate pedestrian danger from left-turning vehicles.

We were pleased to learn that the DOT has already been in touch with building residents towards reaching a satisfactory outcome.

Sincerely,



Burt Lazarin  
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