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Ed Pincar
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59 Maiden Lane, 37th Floor
New York, NY 10037

Re: Proposed Improvements to the Eighth Avenue Corridor from 38th-45th Streets

Dear Mr. Pincar,

Thank you for the presentation of much-needed improvements to this corridor. As a signal of our enthusiastic endorsement of this proposal, we would like to see the improvement corridor extended from West 34th to West 48th Streets. To build on the success of the presented approach, Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) at its July 24th Full Board meeting, voted by 35 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining and 0 present but not eligible to vote, on the following suggestions:

- A curb extension at the southwest corner of 40th Street. This corner is subject to pedestrian crowding due to an extremely busy subway exit.
- An increased red arrow time for the split-phase LPI at 40th Street, west side of Eighth Avenue, to avoid that turning buses block the bike lane while yielding to pedestrians crossing Eighth Avenue.
- Added markings in the travel lane of West 39th Street, east of Eighth Avenue to induce vehicles to merge into a single lane before the intersection and reduce bike lane obstruction.
- A reduction of green signal time at West 39th Street, east of Eighth Avenue, in order to mitigate traffic overflow that regularly blocks pedestrian crossing and bike lane movement.
- Resurfacing of the bike lane from West 34th to West 45th Streets, it is in poor condition and has several dangerous potholes.

- Request that the Port Authority remove the obsolescent taxi booth on the southwest corner of Eighth Avenue and West 41st Street and consider alternate locations for the taxi stand along Eighth Avenue.
- Request that the MTA replace the subway grates on the west sidewalk from West 38th Street to West 40th Street (total length of 100-ft). These grates are in poor condition and not walkable, effectively reducing the walk lane capacity by 40%.

We are anxious to see the installation of these improvements. Please let us know when they will be implemented.

Sincerely,



Burt Lazarin
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