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Re: NYPD 14th Street Action Plan for L Train Shutdown

Dear Commissioner O'Neill and Chief Chan,

Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) would like to invite NYPD to present to our community their action plan for Manhattan during the L train shutdown. We are particularly interested in 14th to 23rd Streets from Sixth to Twelfth Avenues. This letter was voted on at MCB4's July 25th Full Board meeting with 28 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstaining and 0 present but not eligible to vote.

During this project, congestion on the side streets continues to be of utmost concern to the community, especially illegal truck traffic that has been plaguing the streets north of 14th Street for years. We have requested of NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) that they ensure that all these streets have signage indicating "No Through Truck Traffic/Local Deliveries Only" and that they implement loading zones along these side streets with restricted delivery hours and camera enforcement. We further request the assignment of traffic agents empowered to issue tickets.

Without proper enforcement, this plan will just not work. It's not clear that the patchwork of local precincts covering this area will be properly equipped to provide a coordinated approach.

We want to amplify the community's call that the NYPD, in concert with the DOT, make publicly available its enforcement plan during the shutdown, specifically addressing enforcement of the 14th Street closure to local traffic, and the ongoing problem of through-truck traffic on

these narrow, largely residential side streets (15th, 16th, 17th, and 18th Streets). Testing such enforcement of truck traffic in advance of the closure will bring much needed credibility to the plan.

We appreciate the complexity of this project, and the substantive planning and outreach every agency must take. We look forward to a productive conversation to help our community get through this difficult period.

Sincerely,



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