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Hon. Andrew Cuomo
Governor, State of New York
State Capital Building
Albany NY, 12224

Re: Hudson River Greenway Relocation

Dear Governor Cuomo,

Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) includes a portion of the Hudson River Park and the Hudson River Greenway from 14th to 59th Streets. At its June 3rd meeting, MCB4's Full Board voted with 36 in favor, 13 against, 0 abstentions, 0 present not eligible to vote, to request that the Hudson River Greenway be expanded from 14th to 55th Streets to provide more space to cycle and practice physical distancing.

The Hudson River Park is a critical component of that open space and a community resource. However, the location of the Hudson River Park Greenway, the busiest bicycle highway in North America, is impeding the ability of cyclists and pedestrians to properly practice physical distancing. MCB4 requests the Greenway be expanded to include the western lane of Route 9A, protected by jersey barriers and cones.

While there may be exits and intersections that need specific treatment, the implementation of this should be done quickly. New Yorkers will be choosing their bikes to get to work more and more as the city reopens. The city needs dedicated infrastructure to provide cyclist commuters and casual bike riders a safe ride along the Hudson.

The State has acted swiftly and boldly to find ways to combat and manage the COVID-19 outbreak. As all levels of government work to meet the needs of its constituents, an effective way of protecting people is ensuring they have space to be physically distant. By shifting the greenway that goal could be achieved.

As the city begins to reopen and New Yorkers go back to work, fewer of them will use public transit and adequate space for walking and cycling for transportation and recreation will be of even greater importance. As such, steps should be taken to accommodate this change and provide dedicated infrastructure so that it can happen safely.

MCB4 looks forwards to working with the State and City to ensure the Greenway can be a safe and thriving mode of transit that allows New Yorkers to practice physical distancing during this pandemic.

Sincerely,



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