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Emily Lloyd
Commissioner
Department of Environmental Protection
59-17 Junction Blvd.
Flushing New York 11373

re: broken catch basin on the Northeast corner of West 42 Street 9th Ave

Dear Commissioner Lloyd:

Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) is writing you in regards to the urgent need to repair the catch basin at the Northeast corner of Ninth Avenue and 42nd Street. MCB4 is aware of the reason for the blockage of this particular catch basin, but the residents of our community are at risk during any heavy rainfall when they have to navigate into traffic outside of the pedestrian walkway to cross this intersection. Those with disabilities are especially at risk when water levels are very high.


Repair for this catch basin has been requested over the last year and is on the agenda of our District Cabinet meeting routinely. In addition, 311 complaints (311# C1-1-1217177761) have been logged about this intersection and MCB4 requested funding in the 2017 City Budget to make this repair.

In response to our budget request for the expansion of repairs services for catch basins repairs (Tracking Code 304201718C), Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) informed MCB4 that catch basins are inspected on a three year schedule, but 311 complaints receive a response in days. It was also reported beginning July 1, 2016 Local Law 48 -2015 requires DEP to inspect catch basins annually and report on maintenance and repairs. This law will also require that any catch basin with a problem will see a resolution of the problem within 9 days of inspection.

As this particular problem with the catch basin at the Northeast corner of Ninth Avenue and West 42nd Street is well known to DEP, MCB4 requests that this location be expedited so there is no further delay in commencing repair. Considering the volume of pedestrians, vehicles and bicycles at this intersection, to ensure the safety of our citizens, DEP needs to finally address this problem and complete the necessary repairs immediately. This should not have to wait until Local Law 48 goes into effect in July.

MCB4 thanks DEP in advance for its swift action and we eagerly await the opportunity to cross 42nd and Ninth Avenue safely during heavy rainfall.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Delores Rubin", enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

Delores Rubin

Chair

Manhattan Community Board 4

cc: Hon. Corey Johnson, City Council.
Robert Benfatto, Executive Director, Hudson Yards\Hell's Kitchen Alliance
Manhattan Plaza Resident Association