

CITY OF NEW YORK MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD FOUR

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Rick Cotton
Executive Director
Port Authority of New York & New Jersey
4 World Trade Center, 150 Greenwich Street, 22nd Fl.
New York, NY 10007

Re: Structural Repairs to Truss No. 1

Dear Director Cotton,

Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) appreciates receiving an advisory presentation by the Port Authority (PA) on the upcoming structural repair project of Truss No. 1 of the Port Authority Bus Terminal (PABT). This truss spans the top of the building along Ninth Avenue. An elevator shaft will be erected on the West 41st Street sidewalk and a sidewalk shed will extend on the Ninth Avenue side. The planters on the West 41st Street micro plaza will be relocated to Dyer Avenue for the approximate one-year duration of the project.

At its April 7, 2021 Full Board meeting, by a vote of 39 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, and 0 present but not eligible to vote, MCB4 recommended that the following measures be taken to address residents' safety and quality of life concerns:

- Install construction barriers in lieu of the planters to maintain the necessary level of pedestrian safety
- Optimize pedestrian clearances by using umbrella-type shed, and installing the shed supports in between bollards
- Add security to this area to avoid it attracting illegal transactions
- Ensure that the shed does not interfere with the bike lane

We appreciate your understanding.

Sincerely,

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Christine Berthet Co-chair Transportation Planning Committee

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