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NYC Department of Design and Construction
30-30 Thomson Avenue
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Vincent Sapienza
Commissioner
NYC Department of Environmental Protection
59-17 Junction Boulevard, 13th Floor
Flushing, NY 11373

Ed Pincar
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
NYC Department of Transportation
59 Maiden Lane, 37th Floor
New York, NY 10038

Re: Ninth Avenue Resurfacing (51st to 60th Streets)

Dear Commissioners Torres-Springer, Sapienza, and Pincar,

Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) at its June 2nd Full Board meeting, by a vote of 45 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, and 0 present but not eligible, voted to request that as part of the upcoming resurfacing and restoration, sidewalks be widened (with truffle paint) on the east side of Ninth Avenue between West 51st and West 60th Streets and that bike lane mixing zones be upgraded to a current safer design. The pedestrian refuges could be relocated, and new trees planted on them.

After years of water main construction, the Department of Design and Construction (DDC) is planning to resurface and restore this section of Ninth Avenue in the Spring of 2022. The widening of Ninth Avenue sidewalks has long been requested by the community.

It would be particularly welcome on this stretch of Ninth Avenue, which is a known speeding zone in addition to hosting several open restaurants that obstruct pedestrian flow.

If DDC were to restore the surface to its current design, mixing zones would be replicated, putting cyclists at risk anew; trees would not be re-installed in pedestrian refuges, due to new DEP regulations, and it would make any future sidewalk widening more complex and costlier.

This is a great opportunity for both agencies to combine forces, coordinate efforts, and deliver safety and high value to the community.

Sincerely,



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Co-chair
Transportation Planning Committee



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Co-chair
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