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Loraine Grillo
Commissioner
NYC Department of Design & Construction
30-30 Thomson Avenue
Long Island City, NY 11101

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

Re: Bike Lane Conditions on Ninth Avenue (29th-33rd Streets)

Dear Commissioner Grillo and Borough Commissioner Pincar,

Please let this letter serve as an update to our letter dated May 19, 2019¹. Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) continues to receive complaints from bicyclists and pedestrians raising safety issues related to the construction zone on the east side of Ninth Avenue between 29th and 33rd Streets.

By a vote of 35 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining and 0 present but not eligible to vote, we request that the bike lane be restored to a useable and safe condition before we have another avoidable injury or loss of life. The surface of the bike lane remains poorly patched, making for dangerous riding. Cyclists are often forced to ride on the sidewalk or in the travel lanes, increasing the likelihood of conflicts and crashes.

There is also a dangerous lack of visibility for drivers turning left onto 30th Street due to a fenced construction staging enclosure in the street. We request that signage be installed along the staging enclosure to warn drivers of crossing cyclists in the bike lane.

¹ <https://cbmanhattan.cityofnewyork.us/cb4/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2020/02/29-TRANS-Letter-to-DDC-DOT-re-Safety-Issues-on-9th-Ave-28-31.pdf>


Sincerely,



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