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Edward Pincar Jr.
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
New York City Department of Transportation
59 Maiden Lane, 37th Floor
New York, NY 10038

Re: Open Street Improvements—West 22nd Street between 7th and 8th Avenues

Dear Borough Commissioner Pincar,

Thank you for your continued support for the Open Streets project in our district. We heard from community organizers who live in and around West 22nd Street, and overall, the feedback has been positive. The DOT-provided planters deployed at the Eighth Avenue entrance have reduced the need for moving barricades.

We support the organizers' request for the following improvements:

- Study the feasibility of a neck-down at the southeast intersection of Eighth Avenue and 22nd Street.
- The installation of permanent signage at the Eighth Avenue entrance (examples: No Thru Traffic/Maximum Speed 5 MPH)
- A change to the turn signal on Eighth Avenue (blinking red arrow) to discourage drivers from turning onto 22nd Street.
- A parking regulation change to expand the current loading zone on the south side of 22nd Street to approximately 100' from the corner of Eighth Avenue; from the current No Parking Tuesday 9-10:30 AM to the proposed Truck Loading Only Mon-Fri 8 AM - 6 PM

In addition, the organizers will work through DOT channels to request the following:

- A CityBench in front of 234 Eighth Avenue.
- A Bike Corral on the north side of West 22nd Street, near Eighth Avenue, to be sponsored by Dim Sum Chelsea Restaurant at 236 Eighth Avenue.

We hope that these improvements will lead to West 22nd Street becoming a model for the Open Streets program going forward.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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cc: West 22nd Street Block Association