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

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

Re: Complex Ramps Project at West 34th Street and Eighth Avenue (HWPEDSF4)

Dear Commissioners Pincar & Foley,

We thank the Department of Design and Construction for presenting Project HWPEDSF4 to install new pedestrian ramps at the intersection of West 34th Street and Eighth Avenue at our May 18th Transportation Planning Committee meeting. This project has been very disruptive to residents, as it is performed entirely at night. Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) at its June 1st Full Board meeting by a vote of 44 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstaining, and 0 present but not eligible, requested that the working hours be changed to 7PM - 3AM from the current 8PM – 6AM. We are pleased to hear that this new schedule will be put in place starting on June 1st.

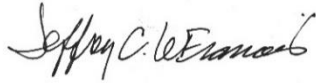
We ask that Department of Design and Construction and ConEd explore the feasibility of performing more work during normal day time especially during the summer when the vehicular traffic is lighter.

The 34th Street area residents have been bombarded with construction noise for the last five years: Manhattan West, Hudson Yards, Moynihan Train Hall to name a few. To alleviate that problem, MCB4 reached an agreement with the Department of Buildings, Department of

Transportation, and the Mayor Community Assistance Unit to limit After Hours work to 7PM to 3AM. This agreement covers all work, not just building work.

We understand that such change may extend the duration of the project - which is already delayed - beyond the planned completion date 2023.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey LeFrancois
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