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Re: Shared Streets on Hudson Boulevard East

Dear President Benfatto & Commissioner Pincar,

Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) applauds the installation of shared streets on Hudson Boulevard East, between 33rd and 35th Streets. The Board is on record for supporting this design for all blocks along Hudson Boulevard East, and voted in favor by unanimous vote at MCB4's Executive Committee on June 27, 2022.¹

A shared street is a street where pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles share the roadway. The asphalt is painted in a truffle color to show that pedestrians have priority. To enforce the 5 mph speed limit, three chicanes are installed forcing cars to slow down. Pedestrians walk in the street and cross anywhere.

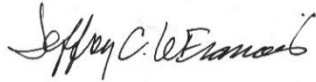
There are already a number of such installations in the city including on Broadway between 38th and 39th Streets.

¹ This letter was unanimously recommended for approval by the Executive Committee on June 27, 2022. This letter is subject to ratification at the July 27th Full Board meeting.

This treatment is particularly appropriate in light of the context: very large office buildings disgorge multitude of workers who cross the boulevard to reach the subway entrance. The shared street configuration will ensure pedestrians can cross anywhere safely.

This installation will be in temporary materials to allow for an evaluation of its success, or adjustments to be made. The construction will start in summer 2022. These shared streets are part of a larger implementation plan pursued by HYHK.

Sincerely,



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