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Ed Pincar  
Manhattan Borough Commissioner  
NYC Department of Transportation (DOT)  
59 Maiden Lane, 37<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10038

**Re: Ninth Avenue Improvements during Moynihan Project**

Dear Manhattan Borough Commissioner Pincar,

Thank you for the presentation at our July Transportation Planning Committee meeting about the planned improvements for Ninth Avenue between 30<sup>th</sup> - 34<sup>th</sup> Street, concurrent with Vornado's work in front of Moynihan Station. Our largest concern with this area remains the dangerous conditions at the 30<sup>th</sup> Street intersection. We appreciate that the intersection will be outfitted with a left turn lane and lead pedestrian interval (LPI) signals, an offset crossing with a concrete island, and a flashing yellow arrow. We ask that this work be prioritized.

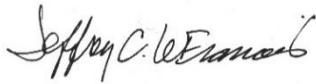
We appreciate that the temporary bike lane has been fixed. We have received many complaints from cyclists about dangerous conflicts along this corridor. We request the immediate deployment of plastic jersey barriers to protect the bike lane during the ongoing work, since the flexible delineators have been repeatedly run over.

We request that a Citi Bike station be installed in the parking lane, between the pedestrian crossing and West 33<sup>rd</sup> Street, and a Taxi Drop-off area between the pedestrian crossing and West 31<sup>st</sup> Street.

We further ask your help with one particular challenge: between 34<sup>th</sup> - 35<sup>th</sup> Streets, the Midtown South precinct routinely commandeers both the left turn lane and a travel lane for convenient parking (for both private and official vehicles). Aside from being an abuse of the public trust, this creates a dangerous condition whereby vehicles are forced to make a wide left turn from a travel lane while crossing a busy crosswalk. Please help us to address and curb this noncompliant

conduct. This letter was voted on at MCB4's July 27<sup>th</sup> Full Board meeting with 38 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstaining, and 0 present but not eligible to vote.

Sincerely,



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