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Alan M. Reagan Senior Vice President Vornado Realty Trust 888 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue New York, NY 10019

Re: Moynihan distinctive sidewalk and streetscape on Ninth Avenue

Dear Mr. Reagan,

Thank you for the presentation at our July Transportation Planning Committee Meeting about Vornado's planned work along Ninth Avenue in front of Moynihan Station. We are pleased to see that the sidewalks will be widened now that the contraflow lane has been removed, and that the mid-block crossing at what would be 32<sup>nd</sup> Street is already installed in temporary form. We support the installation of distinctive paving in front of the station entrance, with the following provisions, voted on at MCB4's July 27<sup>th</sup> Full Board meeting, by a vote of 38 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstaining, and 0 present but not eligible:

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.

While many of us object to the preponderance of bollards on our sidewalks, we recognize that they meet security concerns, and are pleased that the configuration shown permits free and clear use of all curb ramps at the corners. Any efforts towards substituting bollards with planters and/or other streetscape design elements (i.e. benches) while meeting security concerns will be appreciated.

We thank you for your help to date with securing the bike lane and further ask for your continued support while the stretch of Ninth Avenue in front of Moynihan Station is under construction to maintain safe and clear bike lanes.

Sincerely,

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