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February 13, 2023

Richard Davey
President
MTA New York City Transit
2 Broadway
New York, NY 10004

Re: Subway Ventilation Grates Replacement

Dear President Davey,

Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) at its February 1st Full Board meeting, by a vote of 41 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, and 0 present but not eligible, requests that many grates (as listed below) be replaced as they constitute a tripping hazard for pedestrians.

Our district includes Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Avenues, all with subway tunnels under them and numerous ventilation grates on the sidewalks. Many of them are buckled, have holes, or the cement is broken around them. They clearly have not been replaced for many years. Beyond the safety issue they present, they are a blight on our district.

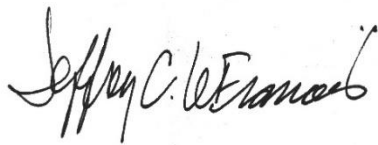
Repairs were made on other grates. We ask that you make this project a priority to restore the proper sidewalk capacity for pedestrians in our district.

Here is the list of locations we surveyed:

8th Avenue	
• 50 th - 52 nd streets	Missing Concrete
• 35 th - 40 th streets	Buckled/ missing parts/
• 33 rd - 34 th streets	Cracked Cement
• 30 th - 31 st streets	Damaged grate/ raised spots
• 25 th - 26 th streets	Broken Sidewalk
• 23 rd - 24 th streets	Broken Sidewalk
• 17 th - 20 th streets	Broken Sidewalk
7th Avenue	
• 24 th - 25 th streets	Loose and raised border
• 20 th - 21 st streets	Raised border
• 17 th - 18 th streets	Raised border
• 14 th - 15 th streets	Loose corner
6th Avenue	
• 23 rd - 24 th streets	Loose corner
• 15 th - 16 th streets	Broken Sidewalk

Without delay to the above repairs, we further encourage MTA to rethink the design of the grates as the current design is not pedestrian friendly especially for anyone wearing high heels. Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey LeFrancois
Chair
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