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

Re: Sidewalk Extensions

Dear Borough Commissioner Pincar,

Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) at its July 26th Full Board meeting voted, by a vote of 36 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstaining, and 0 present but not eligible, to support a request for pedestrian-only Pedestrian Detector Pavement Markings to be installed on the sidewalk extensions, *i.e.*, “super-sidewalks,” within our district.

The super sidewalks are designed to provide significantly more room for pedestrians to maneuver and reduce crowding on the concrete sidewalks. But unfortunately, many pedestrians are not aware that this space is for them, and instead it is being used for all sorts of deliveries including cyclists who race freely down these unobstructed paths rather than using the adjacent dedicated bike lane.

MCB4 requests that the Department of Transportation install large Pedestrian Detector Pavement Markings similar to the Bicycle Detector Pavement Markings¹ that are installed in bike lanes per the federal guidelines. They would be located at the beginning of each block of sidewalk extension indicating that the extensions are for pedestrian use, and pedestrian use only.

¹ https://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/htm/2009/part9/fig9c_07_longdesc.htm

We are delighted that super sidewalks are installed. We want to make sure their use is maximized for the walking public and a high level of attention is provided to pedestrian facilities. Thank you for your attention and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey LeFrancois
Chair
Manhattan Community Board 4



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cc: Hon. Mark Levin, Manhattan Borough President
Hon. Erik Bottcher, City Council