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

Re: Citi Bike Share Station on 9th Avenue (at 59th Street)

Dear Borough Commissioner Pincar,

Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) at its regular scheduled meeting on April 3, 2024, by a vote of 38 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstaining and 0 present but not eligible to vote, voted to recommend that a Citi Bike Share Station be placed on the east side of the Ninth Avenue roadway adjacent to the bike lane just south of 59th Street.

There is currently a large gap in the Citi Bike network in this area of Hell's Kitchen. The closest bike share station on Ninth Avenue is located at West 54th Street to the south and West 63rd Street to the north, leaving nearly a half mile gap. The bike share stations serving John Jay College and Mount Sinai Hospital on Tenth Avenue are over-subscribed. This location, along the Ninth Avenue bike lane, would be ideal for a bike share station as it is surrounded by large residential buildings.

For the last seven years this location has been used as a staging area for the DEP water tunnel project. Now, a Fresh Direct truck uses it as a delivery hub, often encroaching on the pedestrian crossing and blocking line of sight. Moreover, the non-stop noise from the refrigeration units significantly disturbs nearby residents and interferes with the teaching at Bright Horizons school and daycare across the way.

Considering our curbside priorities, MCB4 requests that DOT install a bike share station in this location as soon as practicable.

Sincerely,



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Co-Chair
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