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Rick Cotton  
Executive Director  
Port Authority of New York & New Jersey  
4 World Trade Center  
150 Greenwich Street, 22<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10007

**Re: Lincoln Tunnel Parapet Walls**

Dear Mr. Cotton,

Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) by a vote of 40 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, and 0 present but not eligible at the June 5<sup>th</sup> Full Board meeting, supports the replacement of five parapets on the bridge at West 34<sup>th</sup>, West 35<sup>th</sup> and West 37<sup>th</sup> Streets as proposed by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PANYNJ).

The construction is slated for 2027. We ask that the Port Authority make every effort to construct the parapets so that they can be installed within normal construction hours and minimal disruption to residents.

In 2018, the existing parapets were inspected and deemed structurally unsafe. The PANYNJ reinforced them with bulky cement barriers that encroach on the pedestrian clear path. The new parapets will replace both components, freeing up pedestrian space.

The parapets are located along the bridges over the Expressway to the Lincoln Tunnel, on West 34<sup>th</sup> and West 35<sup>th</sup> Streets between Dyer and Tenth Avenue, and on the south side of West 37<sup>th</sup> Street between Ninth and Tenth Avenues. The parapets on the north side of West 37<sup>th</sup> Street and both sides of West 38<sup>th</sup> Street are slated to be removed next year, as part of the construction of deck-overs for the Bus Terminal Replacement Project.

The parapets are 8-ft tall including a cement base and a steel top, with integrated pedestrian lighting. A graffiti-proof coating will protect the painted surface that will be maintained by the

Port Authority. In case the BID decides to change the paint or add murals on the parapets, the HYHK Alliance will take over the maintenance.

The Port Authority worked with the Hudson Yards / Hell's Kitchen Alliance BID who hired a designer to explore various options that would fit with the district streetscape and the PANYNJ technical requirements. The Streetscape planning committee of the BID approved the design.

Sincerely,



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cc: Robert Benfatto, President, HYHK BID