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

Re: Daylighting in Community District 4

Dear Commissioner Pincar,

At its July 24, 2024 meeting by a vote of 39 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, and 0 present but not eligible to vote, Manhattan Community Board 4 (“MCB4”) requests the Department of Transportation (“DOT”) to update New York City Traffic Rules, which does not provide clear language prohibiting vehicles from parking in daylight areas, *i.e.*, those areas marked by double white lines.

In December 2023 (the “December Letter”), MCB4 voted to request that the New York City DOT install daylighting at all intersections – prioritizing particularly dangerous intersections – which we recommended could be expedited by making the installations as streets were repaved. As you know, “daylighting” is a method to increase visibility at intersections, such that obstacles at or above eye-level are removed to keep clear sightlines between drivers and pedestrians using the adjacent crosswalk.

MCB4 has become aware of vehicles parking in newly daylight areas, which defeats the purpose of the DOT’s daylighting program. MCB4 is concerned that under the current New York City Traffic Rules, there may be ambiguity as to whether a prohibition on parking in such areas can be enforced. Therefore, MCB4 requests that the DOT immediately engage in rulemaking,

including by updating New York City Traffic Rules Sections 4-01, 4-07, and 4-08, to make obvious that parking, stopping, or standing in areas marked by a double solid line or bound by a double solid line at the curb or edge is prohibited.

Likewise, MCB4 renews its requests from its December Letter asking the DOT to install short physical objects in daylight areas to serve as barriers to parking, such as rain gardens, slabs of rock, bike corrals, planters, or bollards.

Sincerely,



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Hon. Erik Bottcher, NYC Council Member
Hon. Mark Levine, Manhattan Borough President