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Ed Pincar
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
NYC Department of Transportation
59 Maiden Lane, 38th Fl.
New York, NY 10038

Re: Bike Safety at World Wide Plaza

Dear Commissioner Pincar,

Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) heard from residents of various concerns with the current placement of a bike share station on the north side of West 49th Street. By a vote of 38 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, and 0 present but not eligible, MCB4 voted to recommend that the station be relocated. It also directs the board office and the committee to meet with the manager of World Wide Plaza to request that they install appropriate features on their property to protect plaza users from cyclists who use the driveway.

World Wide Plaza is a large mixed use complex located between West 49th and West 50th Streets, from Eighth to Ninth Avenues. The bike share station has been installed there since 2013, and recently expanded further east to accommodate the high demand. The station sees over 300 bike movements per day. Because the eastern expansion is located in front of the plaza entrance, cyclists regularly use the plaza as a shortcut to reach West 50th Street. MCB4 has received complaints from residents of World Wide Plaza, that Citibike riders regularly and illegally ride through the plaza to reach West 50th Street, putting residents at risk.

We recommend moving the full station further west, with the front of the station starting at the parking sign located 670-ft from Eighth Avenue. The neighborhood loading zone (No Standing Anytime) in front of the residential entrance should be preserved.

Sincerely,



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cc: Citibike/Lyft