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

**Re: Traffic Improvements for 29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> Streets (10/11)**

Dear Commissioner Pincar,

Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) at its October 1<sup>st</sup> Full Board meeting, by a vote of 38 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, and 0 present but not eligible, requests that the Department of Transportation (DOT) install safety measures at two intersections in Chelsea: West 30<sup>th</sup> Street and 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and West 29<sup>th</sup> Street and 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

MCB4 heard from neighbors who have observed reckless driving and are concerned that the conditions at these locations will lead to crashes and injuries.

On 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue at the northeast corner of West 30<sup>th</sup> Street, the intersection has been daylighted<sup>1</sup> with striped markings but no hardening. As a result, drivers cut off the corner while accelerating and disregard the markings. This block of West 30<sup>th</sup> Street from 10<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> Avenues is occupied by large residential buildings and the pedestrian traffic has increased proportionally. We request that DOT install a bike corral with granite blocks in the striped area and harden the installation. There is no bike parking in the vicinity.

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<sup>1</sup> Daylighting consists of removing a parking space next to an intersection to give turning drivers better visibility of pedestrians who cross the cross street. MCB4 is on record for supporting such safety treatment.

On 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue between West 29<sup>th</sup> and West 30<sup>th</sup> Streets, there are four loading bays used by U.S. postal trucks. The trucks are much longer than the depth of the bays and extend beyond the sidewalk in the lane of traffic, blocking at least half of it. Pedestrians and tourists en route to the High Line or walking on the east side of 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue are confronted with a dangerous situation, forced to walk in the middle of traffic in order to pass the loading docks. This area is very congested with the two right lanes dedicated to the Lincoln Tunnel entrance.

As a temporary safety measure, we suggest that pedestrian signage be installed at the northeast corner of West 29<sup>th</sup> Street and 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue to direct pedestrians to cross the avenue and use the western sidewalk instead. We also request that the DOT work with the USPS facility to come up with a long-term solution for the issue. We cannot accept a sidewalk being permanently inaccessible to pedestrians.

Sincerely,



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