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

Demetrius Crichlow
President
New York City Transit
2 Broadway
New York, NY 10004

Re: Bus Shelters at West 23rd Street

Dear Commissioner Pincar & President Crichlow,

At its January 6, 2024 Full Board meeting by a vote of 40 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, and 0 present but not eligible to vote, Manhattan Community Board 4 (“MCB4”) requests the New York City Department of Transportation (“DOT”) install shelters at the bus stops on West 23rd Street that currently lack seating.

As you know, MCB4 has a large and growing elderly population: in Chelsea alone, between 2010-2020, the population of those 65+ has grown by over 40%. Likewise, Chelsea is home to countless residents with disabilities, including Selis Manor on West 23rd Street, a housing and community facility space serving the blind and visually impaired.

These residents, who rely on our bus network, must have a comfortable place to sit and wait for the bus. We ask that the DOT prioritize shelter installations on West 23rd Street at the following avenues: 8th south side, 7th north side, 10th and 11th both sides, 12th north side. Where shelters are not feasible, we ask at a minimum that the DOT install benches with a back support at stops on West 23rd currently without benches, in particular on the north side of Ninth Avenue. Although it is not in MCB4, we suggest that a shelter should be installed at the stop east of Selis Manor.

Sincerely,



Jessica Chait
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Manhattan Community Board 4



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Cc: Hon. Brad Hoylman, NYS Senator
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Hon, Mark Levine, Manhattan Borough President
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