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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: Rehabilitation of Lincoln Tunnel Parapet Walls**

Dear Mr. Cotton,

Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4), by a vote of 35 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, and 0 present but not eligible at its September 30<sup>th</sup> Full Board meeting, supports the Port Authority's proposed implementation plan of five new parapets for the Lincoln Tunnel bridges between 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Avenues. The project is separate from the bus terminal reconstruction project.

In 2018, the existing parapets on West 34<sup>th</sup>, West 35<sup>th</sup>, and the south side of West 37<sup>th</sup> Streets 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.

In 2023, the Port Authority started a project to replace the parapets with a permanent solution. The HYHK Bid hired an industrial designer to design the appearance and cladding of the new parapets to be installed by the Port Authority. 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.

The construction work will start on September 20, 2025, concurrently with the construction of the deck-overs to leverage Lincoln Tunnel closures. We appreciate that noise-attenuating blankets are being used, and the work will be done during business hours during the week, as MCB4 requested in its letter dated June 2024<sup>1</sup>.

We are pleased to see that the contract has been awarded for the installation, earlier than anticipated. We are anxious to see this work completed to beautify and add pedestrian lighting to the bridges. Should there be any benefit or need for weekend work, the Port Authority agreed to plan and consult with the community in advance.

Sincerely,



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cc Robert Benfatto, President, HYHK Alliance

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<sup>1</sup> <https://cbmanhattan.cityofnewyork.us/cb4/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2024/06/11-TPC-Letter-to-PANYNJ-re-Lincoln-Tunnel-Parapet-Walls.pdf>