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Danielle Zuckerman
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
NYC Department of Transportation
59 Maiden Lane, 37th Fl.
New York, NY 10038

Re: Improving bike lane infrastructure

Dear Commissioner Zuckerman,

At its December 3, 2025 meeting, by a vote of 47 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, and 0 present but not eligible to vote, Manhattan Community Board 4 ("MCB4") writes to thank the New York Department of Transportation (DOT) for considering installing bike lanes on West 18th and West 22nd Street in our district while roadway resurfacing is taking place. We also urge the DOT to install protected Class 1 bike lanes on the streets, rather than the conventional lanes that are typically installed after a repaving.

Conventional bike lanes are nothing more than two white lines painted in a street between moving cars and parked cars. They do not bring any safety to cyclists, since car doors open into the bike lane and moving vehicles do not respect the painted lines. Painted unprotected lanes are also chronically double parked in, forcing cyclists out into moving traffic. Due to numerous cyclist injuries and fatalities, at this stage in the rollout of the street plan, fully protected bike lanes are a necessity.

We ask that you consult with MCB4 when you are ready to deploy fully protected crosstown bike lanes with ample width and vertical protections in our district. We believe that the West 13th Street bike lane provides a good example for DOT to model off of.

Sincerely,

Jessica Chait Chair Manhattan Community Board 4	Christine Berthet Co-Chair Transportation Planning Committee	Jesse Greenwald Co-Chair Transportation Planning Committee