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Danielle Zuckerman  
Commissioner  
NYC Department of Transportation  
59 Maiden Lane, 37<sup>th</sup> Fl.  
New York, NY 10038

**Re: 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue Super Sidewalk**

Dear Commissioner Zuckerman,

Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) was notified by the Department of Transportation (DOT) that it will present the proposed design for a super sidewalk on 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue (W. 34<sup>th</sup>/W 51<sup>st</sup>), at the February or March 2026 Transportation Planning Committee in preparation for implementation to start in the Spring of 2026. DOT has been planning and designing this project for the last two years. At its January 7, 2026 Full Board meeting, MCB4 applauded this news and expressed its continued strong support for the project. By vote of 43 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstaining, and 0 present but not eligible, **MCB4 urges DOT to implement this crucial project in 2026 to coincide with repaving.**

**The project is the continuation of two existing super sidewalks** and upgraded bike lanes already built on 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue: the northern one, between West 50<sup>th</sup> and West 58<sup>th</sup> Streets, and a southern one between West 30<sup>th</sup> and West 34<sup>th</sup> Streets, which encompasses Moynihan Station. This phase was to address the significant sidewalk congestion for commuters coming and going to the Port Authority Bus Terminal, located at 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue and West 40<sup>th</sup> Street. The bike lane is also unsafe on this segment due to its very degraded condition, missing green paint and markings, and lack of vertical protection and signage. MCB4 had agreed to delay the repairs for two years in anticipation of the super sidewalk project. This stretch of 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue has not been upgraded since 2011.

**The project remedies safety concerns due to an exceptionally narrow clear path:** In the last five years, there was one fatality and 360 injuries on that stretch of 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue sidewalks were narrowed 50 years ago to accommodate an additional vehicular lane for the Lincoln Tunnel. Further, the numerous trapdoors that serve restaurants in the historic tenements that line the avenue often limit the clear path to barely three feet. By contrast, the DOT's own Pedestrian Mobility Plan gives a guideline of a minimum of 10-ft clear path for 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Many commuters and persons with disabilities must use the bike lane to circulate on foot and are put at risk by the numerous e-bikes using the lane.

**The project is a critical building block of the interim Port Authority Bus Terminal circulation.** The EIS for the Port Authority replacement plan includes this project, which was itemized by DOT as an active Street Improvement Project (SIP). The Port Authority EIS and recent reviews of the interim terminal configurations show extraordinary pedestrian congestion on 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue with thousands of commuters walking to the entrances of the interim terminal at West 39<sup>th</sup> and West 40<sup>th</sup> Streets and 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Sidewalk widenings are a necessity.

**The project has strong support from the community and its elected officials: this project is more than welcomed by the community, as shown in MCB4**

Resolutions voted unanimously in [2023](#) and [2024](#) and its [elected officials letter](#) and will not encounter lengthy delays due to political headwinds.

**The project was approved by DOT in the FY 2025 and FY 2026 New York City budget.** The request "Reconstruct Ninth Avenue from West 51<sup>st</sup> to 34<sup>th</sup> Streets" was answered by "The agency agrees with this request and will accommodate."

**We applaud DOT's progress on this project and urge them to proceed with this critical pedestrian and bike lane upgrade project in 2026.**

Sincerely,



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Chair  
Manhattan Community Board



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