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

**Re: Improvements to the Intersection of 57<sup>th</sup> Street and 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

Dear Borough Commissioner Zuckerman,

At its February 4, 2026 meeting, by a vote of 36 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, and 0 present but not eligible to vote, Manhattan Community Board 4 (“MCB4”) writes to the New York City Department of Transportation (“DOT”) to request several targeted fixes at the intersection of West 57<sup>th</sup> Street and 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Bus Stop Improvements and Bus Refuge

The bus stop at this location currently lacks a dedicated bus boarding island. As a result, buses are stopping directly adjacent or within the bike lane to pick up and discharge passengers. This creates routine conflicts between buses and cyclists and places transit riders in an unsafe and uncomfortable boarding environment. When converting 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue to one-way, DOT had committed to install islands over time as part of their capital program. For reference, there are concrete bus boarding islands along this corridor to the south (e.g. 54<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, and 47<sup>th</sup> Streets).

Manhattan Community Board 4 requests that DOT:

- Install a dedicated concrete bus boarding island so buses can safely pick up and drop off passengers without conflicting with the bike lane.

- Ensure the bus boarding island is of sufficient length to prevent vehicles from double-parking adjacent to the bike lane, which would otherwise undermine the safety benefits of the design; and
- Provide a bus shelter with a bench, recognizing both the volume of riders using this stop and the need for basic weather protection, particularly during long waits in the winter months.

Left-Turn Signal Clarification

The current traffic signal configuration at this intersection is unsafe for pedestrians crossing south 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue as it does not include a clearly defined red phase for the left-turn arrow. In practice, this has created confusion among drivers about when left turns are permitted, resulting in hesitation, honking, and erratic turning behavior when rushing through the pedestrian crossing.

Manhattan Community Board 4 requests that DOT install a clear left-turn signal phase for the traffic heading west-bound on 57<sup>th</sup> Street, including an exclusive red arrow, to eliminate ambiguity and restore safe and predictable operations at the intersection.

Sincerely,



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