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Ahmed Tigani
Commissioner
NYC Department of Buildings
280 Broadway, 3rd Floor
New York, NY 10007

Re: Removing long-standing sidewalk bridge at 455 W. 34th Street

Dear Commissioner Tigani,

Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4), by a vote of 41 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, and 1 present but not eligible to vote, at its May 6, 2026 Full Board meeting, requests your assistance to remove a long-standing scaffolding that prevents a structural Port Authority project from proceeding.

In 2018, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PANYNJ) reinforced the existing parapets over the below grade portions of Dyer Avenue on West 34th, West 35th, and the south side of West 37th Streets which were deemed structurally unsafe. In 2023, the Port Authority in consultation with the community started a project to replace the parapets with a permanent design solution. The new parapets are 8-ft tall, including a cement base and a steel top; the construction work started on September 20, 2025, concurrently with the construction of the Bus Terminal reconstruction and the associated Dyer Avenue deck-overs to work with Lincoln Tunnel closures.

Unfortunately, the installation on the parapets on the north side of West 34th Street had to be suspended, and the schedule significantly altered because of a conflict with a long-standing

sidewalk bridge at 455 West 34th Street. We have learned that this sidewalk bridge has been in place for more than five years.

That sidewalk bridge was installed by the building owner for planned Local Law 11 work. Such façade work requires sidewalk bridges to extend 20 feet past the property line for buildings taller than 100 feet. That property line to the east is with the below grade portion of Dyer Avenue. Therefore, the sidewalk bridge requirement is preventing the installation of the new safety parapet. MCB4 requests DOB to work with PANYNJ and the building owner's sidewalk bridge company to reconcile the multiple pedestrian safety needs for parapet replacement to proceed.

We appreciate your help on this issue.

Sincerely,



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