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Re: Pedestrian Safety on 9th Avenue and West 42nd Street

To Whom it May Concern,

Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) writes regarding pedestrian safety on 9th Avenue and West 42nd Street. Across all three of your delivery operations, we are seeing the same underlying problem: riders and drivers are not respecting the boundary between the sidewalk and the roadway. We are asking each of you to do a better job educating your delivery workforce and enforcing the rules of the road.

Therefore, at its July 22, 2026 Full Board meeting, by a vote of 40 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, and 0 present but not eligible, MCB4 requests the following:

Instacart and Aldi: We have observed delivery workers riding on the sidewalk between 9th Avenue and 8th Avenue to reach stores. This is both illegal and dangerous to pedestrians. We ask that Instacart and Aldi make a particular effort to educate their delivery workers to use the nearby facilities to reach the store legally.

Amazon: We have observed Amazon cargo bike riders using the newly installed 9th Avenue super sidewalk (West 29th to West 59th Streets) as a delivery stop and parking area. This is a sidewalk — it is illegal to park or ride on it. A wide bike lane and ample vehicular parking exist nearby and should be used instead. We ask that Amazon clearly communicate this to its fleet drivers and that the new area is a sidewalk and not to be used for riding or staging deliveries.

We also want to note that, at our community's request, we have asked the local precinct to increase enforcement vigilance in this area. It would be unfortunate if delivery riders from any of your companies were caught up in that enforcement, so we would appreciate your help getting ahead of it.

Sincerely,



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