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Thomas F. Prendergrast
President
Metropolitan Transportation Authority New York City Transit
2 Broadway
New York, New York 10004

Re: Revocable Consent: Bollards 400 West 31st Street

Dear Mr. Prendergrast:

Manhattan Community Board 4 (CB4) has received a request to comment on a revocable consent from the Department of Transportation regarding the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's intent to construct bollards at 400 West 31st street. CB4 consents to installation of bollards at the 400 West 31^s with the following conditions, CB4 requests that the Metropolitan Transportation Authority:

- Place pedestrian lighting on both façades of the 400 West 31st Street building to ensure that pedestrians receive adequate lighting and possession of the sidewalk.
- Relocate the street and traffic light pole to well outside of the 9th Avenue pedestrian crossing
- Look into removing the telephone booth currently located on the southwest corner of 31st street and Ninth Avenue.
- Performs work during the day, rather than at nighttime, as each of these work zones is within earshot of residential zones, and the traffic impact seems minimal.
- Post signs at least one day in advance at these intersections indicating the work will occur that describe the likely parking spot(s), street and traffic lane closures.
- Use noise attenuation techniques such as covering the work area, to keep noise levels low. While we appreciate that Metropolitan will not be using pneumatic equipment (e.g. jack hammers and drills) and will instead use less noisy road saws, community members have indicated that other projects that have used such equipment were still audible to surrounding buildings.

Again, we appreciate the opportunity to learn about the proposed installation and comment on the construction related issues.

Sincerely yours,

John Weis
Chair
Manhattan Community Board No. 4

CC: Peter Cohen, Government Relations Senior Officer, Amtrak
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