

December 11, 2003

Hon. Connie Fishman
President
Hudson River Park Trust
Pier 40 at West Houston Street, 2nd Floor
New York, NY 10014

Re: bikeway/walkway issues

Dear Ms. Fishman:

You know how much we love and use our bikeway/walkway. It's possible to assert that few things have had a greater impact on the quality of life for us Westsiders. It's even the reason that several of our board members will live longer lives.

But thanks to just that kind of renewed commitment to exercise regimens, we have some complaints. There are a few spots along the bikeway/walkway that have become impassable, either due to poor maintenance or signage. They are as follows:

- Near 39th Street and the NY Waterway terminal, there is a pool of standing water in the walkway and sometimes even the bikeway gutter that does not drain even in dry periods. It is especially hazardous during freezing weather. Pedestrians and runners are often forced to use the bikeway. We request that you check the area and find a way to eliminate this long-standing problem.
- Around the Chelsea Piers, between 23rd and 18th Street, the path for running needs to be more clearly delineated. It is difficult for runners and walkers to know that they must either follow the Sunset Strip or get on the sidewalk just east of the headhouses. We request that you add some signage to direct runners and walkers this way, so they stay off the bikeway and stay out of danger.
- In front of Pier 94, cars for the pier regularly park on the walkway. We request that you regulate this somehow, to keep parkers away.
- Finally, while the new bike stop lights are great, they are not synchronized with the traffic lights, turning red about 20 seconds before the traffic lights, and as a result are getting

ignored by bikers. Bikers approach the lights, see the traffic lights are still green, then cruise through their own red light.

Thank you for your attention to these matters. See you on the trail.

Sincerely,



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This letter was passed by Manhattan Community Board No. 4 at its December 3, 2003 full board meeting.

cc: Local Elected Officials
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