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40 Worth Street, 9th Floor south
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Re: Revocable Consent – Seismic Retrofit – Port Authority

The Port Authority plans to install 15 fin trusses to enhance the lateral stability of the third to seventh floors of the south wing of the Port Authority Bus Terminal. Manhattan Community Board Four is pleased to give its consent to the installation of seismic retrofits to reinforce the Port Authority building on 40th Street between Eighth and Ninth Avenues based on the commitments the Port Authority made to address community's objections:

- To replace the 18 trees cut by 18 seven-year-old trees. In addition, the Port Authority has directed the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation to plant 10 trees to locations designated by the Board. The costs for planting the trees will be covered by the more than \$ 70,000 funds given by the Port Authority to the Park Department.
- To mitigate the dangerous conditions existing at the pedestrian ramp at the northeast corner of 40th and Ninth Avenue, the Port Authority surveyed the area and cleared the ramp of obstructions.
- To schedule a meeting with the community to review the options for pedestrian-scale sidewalk lighting. We appreciate being consulted in the choice of this urban furniture that affects the character of our neighborhood.
- To complete, by October 2007, the renovation of the Port Authority overpasses and façade on Ninth Avenue that has been going on for the last three years. While the project is already 24 months past its projected date of completion, much progress seems to have been made in the last three months. The project manager confirmed that the project completion is scheduled for October 2007. This will be a welcome relief to businesses next to the renovation site, which have had to endure significant hardship.

We appreciate the constructive role the DOT has played in helping resolve these issues and the Port Authority's willingness to incorporate the community local concerns in their much larger plans.

Sincerely,



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