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Thomas F. Prendergast Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Metropolitan Transportation Authority 347 Madison Avenue New York, NY 10017

Re: Request for New Bus Stop NEC of West 40th Street and Tenth Avenue.

Dear Chairman Prendergast:

Manhattan Community Board 4 (CB4) requests a new bus stop on the M11 bus route in Manhattan at the North East corner of West 40th Street and Tenth Avenue.

Bus stops are typically two blocks from each other, but in this section there is a 5 block gap. Currently a bus stop exists on the Northeast corner of West 37th Street and Tenth Avenue, and the next bus stop is not until West 42nd and Tenth Avenue.

Furthermore, due to the Port Authority bound New Jersey Transit traffic on Tenth Avenue in the West 30's during four peak hours of the day the West 37th Street stop is inaccessible. This creates an eight (8) block gap in stops for M11 bus riders.

A stop at the Northeast corner of West 40th Street and Tenth Avenue would allow the buses to bypass the queue of New Jersey Transit Buses and improve access to the bus service for the numerous new residents of affordable apartments on Tenth Avenue

We understand a stop was not previously needed at this location due to the lack of residential building in the area. A new stop at this location is needed because of the significant increase in residential buildings recently developed on the surrounding blocks, with more planned for the next few years. However, as this area changes and develops we hope that the MTA will assist us in updating access to public transportation.

Sincerely,

Christine Berthet

Chair

Jay Marcus

Co-Chair, Transportation Planning Committee

[signed 1/8/14] Ernest Modarelli

Co-Chair, Transportation Planning Committee

CC: Port Authority Bus Terminal