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Margaret Forgione  
Manhattan Borough Commissioner  
New York City Department of Transportation  
55 Water Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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**Re: Street Resurfacing and Pedestrian Ramps Repairs**

Dear Commissioner Forgione:

Manhattan Community Board 4 (CB4) requests the following street and sidewalk repairs. A number of residents had requested that W. 40<sup>th</sup> Street between Eighth and Ninth Avenues to be resurfaced as soon as possible. At the time CB4 understood that the work would be done this spring, but apparently this street is not included in the 2012 spring/summer schedule.

- Please add this street resurfacing to your schedule to be completed as soon as possible and let us know of the confirmed schedule.
- Additionally we request that the south sidewalk of W. 40<sup>th</sup> Street be inspected as soon as feasible. It is dangerous to walk from Ninth Avenue and the eastern boundary of the parking garage because of deep and large cracks. We have also noted that there are illegal curb cuts in front of the garage.

CB4 understands that along the future installation of the Eighth and Ninth Avenues Bike lanes the avenues will be resurfaced and the pedestrian ramps on the avenue will be repaired and upgraded with truncated domes. However, the side streets crossing are not part of the project.

- Please find enclosed the list of pedestrian street crossings and pedestrian ramps connection to the street surface that are in bad need of repair along the future lanes.
- We have noted that beside a handful of exceptions, none of the ramps are equipped with truncated domes that are required for low vision pedestrians. Our neighborhood is home to a high concentration of seniors and all pedestrian ramps on the streets and on the avenue along the bike path should be equipped with them.

We appreciate any efforts on the DOT's part to complete this upgrade at the same time as the bike lane installations. Please confirm our understandings and let us know of the schedule.

Sincerely,

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