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Margaret Forgione
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
NYC Department of Transportation
59 Maiden Lane, 37th Floor
New York, NY 10038

RE: Bike Corrals – 536 Ninth Avenue (W. 39th to W. 40th Streets), 518 Ninth Avenue (W. 38th to W. 39th Streets), and 460 Ninth Avenue (W. 35th to W. 36th Streets)

Dear Commissioner Forgione:

Manhattan Community Board 4 is pleased that the NYC Department of Transportation is moving forward with our March, 2012 request for the installation of bicycle corrals along the following locations and with the following lengths and spaces:

- 536 Ninth Avenue on the floating parking lane in front of Casa di Isacco. This would lead to the creation of 8 bicycle parking spaces and changing the parking regulations for the equivalent of one vehicle space (20') from the current "No Standing Except Commercial Vehicles 7am to 7pm, 3 hour (Metered) Time Limit" and "No Parking 2am to 6am Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday" to "No Parking Anytime, Bicycle Corral";
- 518 Ninth Avenue on the floating parking lane in front of Pomodoro Italian Restaurant. This would lead to the creation of 14 bicycle parking spaces and changing the parking regulations for approximately 1 ½ parking spaces (30') from "No Parking 7am to 7pm" and "No Parking 2am to 6am Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday" to "No Parking Anytime, Bicycle Corral";
- 460-62 Ninth Avenue on the floating parking lane in front of Aura Thai. This would lead to the creation of 14 bicycle parking spaces and changing the parking regulations for approximately 1 ½ parking spaces (30') from "No Standing Except Commercial Vehicles 7am to 7pm, 3 hour (Metered) Time Limit" changed to "No Parking Anytime, Bicycle Corral".

We also support DOT's proposed additional location:

- 216 Eighth Avenue (on the south side of W. 21st Street) between the curb and the bicycle lane in front of Organic Avenue. This would lead to the creation of 8 bicycle parking spaces and changing the parking regulations for approximately a parking space (20') from the current "No Parking 9am to 10:30am Monday and Thursdays to "No Parking Anytime Bicycle Corral."

CB4 is also requesting (and NYC DOT has agreed) that the bike racks currently installed on these Avenue sidewalks adjacent to these Bicycle Corrals be removed. Each bicycle Corral will include two large planters at either side of the Corral space (except in front of 460 Ninth Avenue, since that is adjacent to a corner pedestrian

refuge, will only have one planter), flexible bollards on its street side and striping throughout. Each of the above mentioned businesses have signed agreements with NYC DOT to maintain and clean these areas. NYC DOT has also agreed that these spaces can be removed at the request of the Community Board if it finds the businesses are not providing sufficient maintenance. These installations will be considered a one year trial, after which CB4 will review the usage and benefits of the above corrals and reserves the option to ask DOT to remove or relocate them as needed.

CB4 has long supported the concept of bicycle corrals on or adjacent to protected bicycle paths and are pleased DOT is moving forward with this project.

Sincerely,



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