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Borough Commissioner Margaret Forgione  
Department of Transportation  
59 Maiden Lane, 35<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10038

**RE: Proposed Tree Planting and bench installations on the south side of West 34<sup>th</sup> Street between 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Avenues.**

Dear Commissioner Forgione:

Manhattan Community Board #4 requests DOT assistance in enabling sidewalk improvements including planting trees and installing benches on the sidewalk surrounding the planned summer/fall 2014 opening of a High Line entrance approximately mid-block on the south side of West 34<sup>th</sup> Street between 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Avenues. Permitting these sidewalk improvements would require two changes to existing sidewalk usage.

- The removal of an SBS ticket machine and a bus stop that is within 10 feet of the proposed entryway for the High Line. Manhattan CB 4 makes this request since there is an SBS machine and bus stop about on this block nearer the 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue corner.
- Moving the 4 Megabus bus stops/loading zones from the South Side of West 34<sup>th</sup> Street between 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the North side of West 34<sup>th</sup> Street between 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue. As you might recall, this matches our original request on where to move Megabus (from West 41<sup>st</sup> Street between 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue). At the time we did not object to the change to the south side of the street and were pleased to have it moved from the more problematic West 41<sup>st</sup> Street location. However, with the proposal from the High Line for approximately 200' of sidewalk improvements around their future entrance mid-block on the south side of West 34<sup>th</sup> Street, we reiterate our request to move Megabus to the north side of the street.

As always, we appreciate your consideration and assistance.

Sincerely,



Corey Johnson  
Chair



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