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Ms. Margaret Forgione Manhattan Borough Commissioner NYC Department of Transportation 59 Maiden Lane, 35th Floor New York, NY 10038

Re: Bench Request on Ninth Avenue Between 42nd and 43rd Streets

Dear Commissioner Forgione:

Manhattan Community Board 4 (CB4) requests that the Department of Transportation (DOT) study the possibility of installing a sidewalk bench on the west side of 9th Avenue between 42nd and 43rd Streets. We believe this is an appropriate location for a bench because of the concentration of seniors who live in Manhattan Plaza, located on this block, and because of the location of two MTA bus stops on this street, the M11 and the M34A. Due to the limited width of the sidewalk a bus shelter would not be appropriate but a bench may provide relief to those waiting for the bus without blocking too much of the sidewalk. Please review the possibility of installing a bench at this location and report back to us with your findings.

We appreciate your cooperation on this matter.

Sincerely,

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