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

**Re: Temporary Play Street on West 53<sup>rd</sup> Street between Ninth & Tenth Avenues**

Dear Commissioner Forgione:

Manhattan Community Board 4 (CB4) supports the P.S. 111's, located at 440 West 53<sup>rd</sup> Street, request for a temporary play street on West 53<sup>rd</sup> Street from Ninth Avenue to Tenth Avenue, from 10:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. weekdays Mondays through Friday, with limited vehicular access as detailed below.

The P.S. 111 playground is currently undergoing construction and to allow the school to have an outdoor space, as required by the Schools' Chancellor for all schools, P.S. 111 would like to have a safe place for the kids, to be able to get some fresh air outside of the building, during construction.

This approval is limited to the 2014-2015 school year, and will end upon completion of their playground currently under construction.

P.S. 111 has agreed to the following stipulations during the time they will use West 53<sup>rd</sup> Street as a play street:

- The street will remain open until the Department of Transportation has given its approval;
- P.S. 11 has agreed that all residents will continue to have access to the street during the time it is blocked off for school use. P.S. 111 has agreed to safely clear all children from the street when a resident needs to enter the block;
- Clinton School will have sufficient supervision over the students and use its best effort to reduce the noise levels from students in the street in consideration of neighboring office workers and residents;
- P.S. 111 has agreed to be responsible for the moving and storage of the barriers that will be used to block the street during the hours it will be used as a play street;
- The Midtown North Precinct supports the street closure;
- A sign will be posted on the Ninth Avenue barricade, mentioning "local traffic only" and there will be a School Safety Agent positioned nearby.

The local businesses on this street have been notified of this change to the use of the street and have not expressed any objections.

Sincerely,



Christine Berthet  
Chair



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Co-Chair, Transportation  
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Co-Chair, Transportation  
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cc: Midtown North Police Precinct