

February 6, 2003

Andrew Hallerman
Community Coordinator
NYC Department of Transportation
40 Worth Street, Room 1105
New York, NY 10013

Re: Restoration of Historic Belgian Block Paver Streets

Dear Mr. Hallerman:

Thank you for attending the January 28, 2003 meeting of our 14th Street Area Committee. We appreciate that you and your office share our concern about the appropriate reinstallation of the Belgian block pavers (a.k.a. cobblestones) on our historic streets after utility work is done. We are also pleased to know that your office has recently entered all our historic Belgian block paver streets into a computer database that lets all contractors know that they are required to restore these streets as close as possible to their original condition once their work has been completed.

We understand that the NYC Department of Transportation holds all street contractors responsible for "in-kind" restoration of these historic streets for up to 5 years after the initial completion of their work. Your attention to rectifying the disastrous first attempt by the street crew hired by Con Edison to restore the pavers on the piazza at the Gansevoort Street/Little West 12th Street intersection was very welcomed. We look forward to revisiting this issue in the Spring when the Gansevoort Street/Little West 12th Street pavers have had time to settle, to see if further repair is needed.

Sincerely,



Simone Sindin
Chair
Manhattan Community Board 4

Thomas Lunke
Chair
14th Street Area Committee

cc: Electeds
Honorable Iris Weinshall, Commissioner, NYC DOT
Honorable Margaret Forgione, Manhattan Borough Commissioner, NYC DOT
Carol Yankay, Manhattan CB2
Andrew Berman, Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation