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Honorable Margaret Forgione  
Manhattan Borough Commissioner  
New York City Department of Transportation  
40 Worth Street  
New York, NY 10013

**Re: Use of Funding to Study 11th Avenue**

Manhattan Community Board No. 4 is very concerned about the continued traffic and pedestrian safety problems caused by the very high volume of traffic on Ninth Avenue. The high number of pedestrian related accidents, the constant traffic jams, and the resulting car honking and other noise are unacceptable. While improved and increased enforcement remains inadequate and desperately needed, longer-term solutions should also be addressed.

Since there is no relief in sight from the car traffic accessing the Lincoln Tunnel at Ramp C on Ninth Avenue, we would like to request that Eleventh Avenue be converted to a one-way southbound avenue from 57<sup>th</sup> Street to 40<sup>th</sup> Street. We believe this would encourage increased commercial, truck and coach traffic usage of this route therefore alleviating some of the congestion on Ninth Avenue.

An increase in commercial traffic on Eleventh Avenue is consistent with the current prevailing land use along this avenue, which is predominantly manufacturing and commercial. Since there are also fewer pedestrians west of Ninth Avenue, we believe we can lessen the number of pedestrian accidents by shifting some Lincoln Tunnel-bound traffic to Eleventh Avenue.

We understand that such changes will require, and we thus request, a study of its impact on traffic levels and encourage you to expedite such a study. As always, the Community Board stands ready to meet with you and urges your immediate attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

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Chair  
Manhattan Community Board No. 4

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Chair  
Transportation Planning Committee