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Borough Commissioner Margaret Forgiione
NYC Department of Transportation
59 Maiden Lane, 35th Floor
New York, NY 10038

Re: Walkway- West 23rd Street and Tenth Avenue

Dear Borough Commissioner:

Manhattan Community Board 4 (CB4) urges the Department of Transportation to take appropriate measures to provide a safe pedestrian passage at the construction site located at the southwest corner of 23rd Street and Tenth Avenue. We further suggest that a procedure is needed to remove sidewalk obstructions from the growing numbers of construction sites that have been abandoned or delayed without firm completion date.

The building at 209 Tenth Avenue has been in construction since August 2007. Since then the sidewalk from Tenth Avenue to the High Line has been unusable and replaced by a narrow walkway. This walkway is littered and, when it rains huge puddles accumulate that make it impracticable to use, forcing pedestrians and children to walk in the traffic.

Further, it appears that construction has stopped and it is not clear how many more years the residents and pedestrians will have to live with those dangerous conditions.

CB4 requests that the pedestrian walkway be rebuilt to allow proper drainage and that a procedure is created to dismantle the barricades and restore the sidewalk in case the construction is stopped for a prolonged period.

We look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,

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