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

**Re: Street Light Illumination Study 500 & 600 blocks West 46<sup>th</sup> Street**

Dear Commissioner Forgione,

Manhattan Community Board 4 requests a street light illumination study for the 500 and 600 blocks of West 46<sup>th</sup> Street (between Tenth and Twelfth Avenues). Members of the block association have made this request since they perceive these blocks to be less than appropriately lit. The y site that there are only 4 street lamps between Tenth and Eleventh Avenues and only 3 between Eleventh and Twelfth Avenue.

The Block Association also is seeking to have historic lighting installed, which they feel will assist in having these blocks blend with the West 46<sup>th</sup> blocks further east, which already have the historic lantern lights. They also feel it would be a more pleasant atmosphere, given the high volume of tourists who use the street to get to the Intrepid Museum.

While we have no opinion on the historic street lighting at this time (should the request proceed, the Community Board would review that request at a future date), we do urge the Department of Transportation to undertake a street light illumination study for these blocks.

Sincerely,

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