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Margaret Forgione
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
NYC Department of Transportation
59 Maiden Lane, 37th Floor
New York, NY 10038

Re: Cross Town Bike Routes – 15/16th Streets

Dear Commissioner Forgione:

Manhattan Community Board 4 (CB4) supports the installation of bike routes on 15th and 16th Streets between Union Square and the Hudson River Greenway.

Depending on the size and context of the streets in our district, the markings will alternate between shared lanes markings (for 16th street, from the river to 10th Avenue, from 7th to 6th Avenue; for 15th Street, from 9th Avenue to the river) and dedicated lanes markings.

The lanes will be located on the north side of 16th Street and the south side of 15th Street to improve safety and reduce risks of “dooring” by parked cars. This installation will not cause the removal of parking spaces or the loss of travel lanes.

We are pleased to hear that the bike lane installation will not prevent the installation of speed bumps on 15th Street, as requested by CB4 in January 2013, should such installation be warranted by the study underway.

With the launch of BikeShare, it is expected that Union Square will have a large concentration of bikes and will become a major cycling destination. The Hudson River Park already is a major thoroughfare, with 6,000 cyclists using the facility over a 12-hour period. However, currently there is no clear direct crosstown bicycle route between West 10th and West 29th Streets, as the nearby routes (19/20th Streets) are circuitous.

The installation will take place in the Spring/early Summer2013. CB4 appreciates the opportunity to weigh on the decision and supports the installation.

Sincerely,



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