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Polly Trottenberg  
Transportation Commissioner  
NYC Department of Transportation  
59 Maiden Lane, 37th Floor  
New York, NY 10038

**Re: Bike lane rumble strip test at the intersection of West 27<sup>th</sup> and Eighth Avenue**

Dear Commissioner Trottenberg:

Manhattan Community Board 4 (CB4) would like to request a test installation of bike lane rumble strips at the intersection of West 27<sup>th</sup> Street and Eighth Avenue. Bike lane rumble strips have proven to be an effective way to improve pedestrian safety in other parts of the city. In particular Brooklyn Community District 6 has found this to be an effective safety addition in the Prospect Park West bike lanes.

CB4 has identified the West 27<sup>th</sup> Street and Eighth Avenue intersection as an ideal location for this test because it is a unique traffic situation. With no cross street for vehicular traffic bikes traveling north in the bike lane often ignore the traffic signals and endanger the safety of pedestrians crossing the street. Furthermore, this intersection is located next to Penn South which is a Naturally Occurring Retirement Community (NORC), with a population particularly vulnerable to injury from bicyclists.

We hope that this test of bike lane rumble strips at this intersection will prove to be an effective tool for improving pedestrian and bicycle safety in our community. We thank you for your cooperation and we look forward to the installation of this feature.

Sincerely,

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Chair

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Co-Chair, Transportation  
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