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John Rhea
Chairman, New York City Housing Authority
250 Broadway
New York, New York 10007

Re: West 27th Street Potholes

Dear Chairman Rhea:

Manhattan Community Board 4 requests that W. 27th Street Drive be repaved as soon as possible. The street has been in very poor condition for several years without being repaired. Its current severely chopped up and pot-holed condition hurts tenant mobility and risks vehicular access. Since the Drive is NYCHA property, DOT cannot complete the repaving.

West 27th Street Drive is a one way narrow street that begins on the northside mid-block on W. 26th Street between Ninth and Tenth Avenues and goes north and west to the east side of Tenth Avenue between W. 26th Street and W. 28th Street. There are three buildings that front on this street – 450 (80 apartments), 436 (94 apartments), and 426 (75 apartments) on W. 27th Street Drive. One of the buildings (436) is specifically for seniors and the other two are Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NORC's). Many of the residents are in wheelchairs or otherwise mobility impaired. The street is frequently used by Access-A-Ride and car service/taxi's for these residents. However, the condition of the street discourages taxis from entering. It also makes walking on the street difficult. The residents have been complaining about the condition of the road for almost 10 years with no improvements (except one time partial patching about 6 years ago).

We are pleased to hear that a scope of work has been prepared for the repaving in April, 2012 and cost estimates are currently being completed. We encourage NYCHA to continue expedite the remaining required steps required before bidding this out and to make its funding a high priority.

Thank you very much for your assistance in this most important matter.

Sincerely,

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