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Margaret Forgione  
Manhattan Borough Commissioner  
New York City Department of Transportation  
55 Water Street, 9th Floor  
New York, New York 10041

**Re: Bike Share Stations**

Dear Commissioner Forgione:

Manhattan Community Board 4 (CB4) thanks the Department of Transportation (DOT) for the extensive outreach it did in preparation for the launch of the bike share program. The installation will start in July in Lower Manhattan making its way north to the rest of the Borough over a few weeks.

The plan called for install one bike share station approximately every Avenue and 4 Block radius to provide optimal proximity to this new transportation mode. In our district where sidewalk space is at a premium, a majority of the stations are located on the street, using striped areas or parking spaces. The stations are modular with a majority being 35' long and 6 feet wide with the largest being 75' long. Most stations will start each day with bicycles in half the spots and an equal number of spots left vacant for bicycle drop-offs. Each station will include a kiosk that explains the program, includes safety tips, credit card/cash payment slots, and has a map. The stations are movable. The city has created a downloadable app "spotcycle" that will include bicycle share locations and up-to-the minute space availability.

Upon review of the most recent and final iteration of the plan CB4 would like to make the following requests:

- Remove one of the two bicycle share stations planned to be located on Port Authority Property on West 42d Street. There is another station near by and the volume of pedestrians and of commuter waiting in line for airport buses and commuter vans makes this sidewalk exceptionally crowded.
- Relocate the station currently planned on the striped zone, at the south East corner of 43<sup>rd</sup> Street, and 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue on 43<sup>rd</sup> Street, to the east. . . Access-A-Ride vehicles and taxis line up with this entrance of Manhattan Plaza where many seniors reside., Ample space should be left on the street in front of the Manhattan Plaza entrance to pick up and drop off seniors at this entrance.

Due to the presence of Lincoln Tunnel traffic or other special considerations, the proposed locations for CB4 did not meet the goal of one station every Avenue and four - block radius. We recommend that the following locations be added (on side streets, in parking lanes) to improve coverage in our neighborhood:

- At the intersection of 55<sup>th</sup> Street and Hudson River Park
- In proximity to the Yotel / MIMA complex on 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 42<sup>nd</sup> Street.
- In proximity to 37/38<sup>th</sup> Street and 10<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue to service new developments, many new hotels and Javits Center visitors.
- In the Elliott-Chelsea affordable housing complex, between 25<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> Streets, 9<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> Avenues (based on communication with the Elliot-Chelsea residents and staff)

We continue to encourage you to use of the Port Authority property spare space, on the west side of 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, under the bridges between 40<sup>th</sup> and 41<sup>st</sup> Streets for a station and/or a maintenance/storage station for the operator. This space has been empty and unused for many years.



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Cc: Steve Napolitano, Port Authority  
Attachments: 1

Attachment: Pedestrian Ramps and Crossings adjacent to the new bike lanes in need of repairs (x)

Avenue	East Side or West Side	Street	North Ramp	South Ramp	Pedestrian Crossing
9	East	47	x	x	
9	East	46		x	x
9	East	45	x	x	
9	East	44		x	
9	East	43	x		
9	East	42	x	x	x
9	East	41			x
9	East	40	x		x
9	East	39		x	x
9	East	38		x	x
9	East	37	x	x	x
9	East	36	x	x	x
9	East	35	x		x
9	East	49	x		
9	East	50	x	x	x
9	East	51	x	x	x
9	East	55	x		
8	West	55		x	
8	West	51			x
8	West	50		x	x
8	West	49			x
8	West	48	x	NO RAMP!	x
8	West	45		x	
8	West	42	x		x
8	West	41			x
8	West	39	x	x	x
8	West	38	x	x	x
8	West	37		x	x
8	West	36	x		x
8	West	35		x	x

Please note that none of the ramps except for 5 are properly equipped with TRUNCATED DOME DETECTABLE WARNING SYSTEMS as required by ADA