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3 July 26, 2012

4 Norberto Acevedo
5 NYC Department of Design & Construction
6 30-30 Thompson Avenue
7 Long Island City, New York 11101

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9 **Re: 30th Street & 10th Avenue Water Main Trunk Installation**

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11 Dear Mr. Acevedo:

12 Manhattan Community Board 4 appreciates the presentation by NYC Department of Design and
13 Construction (DDC) regarding the installation of the Trunk Water Mains for the NYC Water
14 Tunnel #3 at W. 30th Street between Tenth Avenue and Route 9A, along Tenth Avenue from W.
15 30th Street to W. 31st Streets and along Eleventh Avenue between W. 29th and the rail yards. We
16 understand the importance of this long-planned (begun in 1970) third water tunnel for the
17 infrastructure and safe drinking water of New York City.

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19 We also appreciate your outreach to the community and Community Board regarding the
20 construction schedule and impacts of this project. The overall project will take approximately
21 two and a half years, with the first phase beginning this fall and lasting for approximately nine
22 months. Our comments are limited to the first phase and we appreciate that you will be returning
23 to the Community Board next year before beginning the second phase.

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25 During the first phase DDC will be replacing a 48 foot sewer line and upgrading area utilities.
26 The project is being coordinated with Con Edison, Related Company (who is developing a
27 building at the northwest corner of W. 30th Street and Tenth Avenue) and the Friends of the
28 Highline (who are renovating the W. 30th Street portion of Section 3). During most of the nine
29 months, W. 30th Street will only have one traveling lane between Tenth Avenue and Route 9A.
30 Work hours are scheduled for 7am to 4 pm, Monday-Friday during most of the 9 months and
31 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. during a portion of the project. Work abutting Route 9A will occur
32 primarily in the evening hours. We understand the construction will not impact the Hudson River
33 Park.

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35 During construction, there will be a reduction to three travel lanes along Tenth Avenue between
36 W. 30th and W. 31st Streets and along Eleventh Avenue from W. 29th to the Amtrak tracks. There
37 will also be a reduction of W. 30th Street between Route 9A and Tenth Avenue to one lane.

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39 DDC has already begun discussions with the Post Office, which has a large facility between
40 Ninth and Tenth Avenues between W. 29th and W. 30th Streets and has committed to outreach to
41 the other businesses on W. 30th Street between Ninth and Tenth Avenues and the Ohm
42 residential building at W. 30th and Eleventh Avenue. They indicated a Community Construction
43 Liaison, with a telephone number, they will do active door to door outreach to ensure the
44 completeness of their e-mail list and will provide monthly updates on-line and in print on the
45 construction status and reports on what to expect in the coming months. They have also
46 indicated that they will provide a traffic control agent during work hours at Tenth Avenue and
47 W. 30th Street.

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49 Manhattan Community Board 4 would like to respectfully request:

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- 51 • Ensure there is a traffic control agent at W. 30th and Tenth Avenue during the 4:00 p.m.
52 to 7:00p.m. rush hour, as well as during their work hours;
- 53 • Work with DOT to devise warning signs further North on Eleventh Avenue and both
54 North and South on Route 9A of the lane reductions on W. 30th Street and further south
55 on Tenth Avenue of the lane reduction north of W. 30th Street;
- 56 • Work with DOT to reroute the bicycle lane currently on W. 30th Street between Tenth
57 Avenue and Route 9A to W. 26th Street during at least first phase and, depending on the
58 impact on West 30th Street, for future phases. DOT should provide adequate signage on
59 the bicycle path along the Hudson River Park of this change, as well as signs at W. 30th
60 Street and should provide notification through various bicyclist websites.
- 61 • It would be preferable to make two of the three traveling lanes between W. 30th and W.
62 31st toward the West side of Tenth Avenue (DDC has indicated the work hour will be in
63 the middle of the block, with a flashing sign directing traffic to either side) to enable
64 traffic seeking to pass the Tunnel entrance at W. 30th Street to flow more easily; and
- 65 • The south side sidewalk of W. 30th Street should have adequate protection and lighting;
66 All walkways that may be required along Tenth and Eleventh Avenue have decorative
67 side walls and adequate lighting;
- 68 • Provide advance notice of several days be provided before any water shut off that may be
69 required in the area.
- 70 • The south side sidewalk of W. 30th Street should have adequate protection and lighting;
- 71 • The Community Liaison and Construction site manager's phone number should be
72 widely disseminated, including posting on the Community Board website and in the
73 lobby of the Ohm building.

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75 Again, we greatly appreciate the communication on this important project and look forward to its
76 successful completion with as minimal community and traffic disruption as possible.

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78 Sincerely,

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80 Cc: Margaret Forgion, Department of Transportation

81 Patricia Richardi, Consolidated Edison