



CITY OF NEW YORK

**MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD FOUR**

330 West 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, 26<sup>th</sup> floor New York, NY 10036  
tel: 212-736-4536 fax: 212-947-9512  
www.nyc.gov/mcb4

**COREY JOHNSON**  
Chair

**ROBERT J. BENFATTO, JR., ESQ.**  
District Manager

June 6, 2012

Lenny Speiller  
Executive Director, Public Affairs  
NYC Department of Education  
52 Chambers Street  
New York, NY 10007

**Re: West 27<sup>th</sup> Street Drive Repaving**

Dear Mr. Speiller:

Manhattan Community Board 4 (CB4) requests that the Department of Education work with NYCHA toward the repaving of West 27<sup>th</sup> Street Drive 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. While most of the drive is NYCHA property, a portion of it, about midblock, belongs to the Department of Education and your proportionate contribution is requested.

West 27<sup>th</sup> Street Drive is a one way narrow street that begins on the north side mid-block on West 26<sup>th</sup> Street between Ninth and Tenth Avenues and goes north and west to the east side of Tenth between West 26<sup>th</sup> Streets and West 28<sup>th</sup> Street. Three buildings front this street – 450 (80 apartments), 436 (94 apartments), and 426 (75 apartments) West 27<sup>th</sup> 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, including for students, difficult. The residents have been complaining about the condition of the road for almost ten years with no improvements (except one time partial patching about 6 years ago).

NYCHA has scoped the project and is currently preparing a cost estimate. We understand they will be forwarding the scope and cost estimate to your office when it is completed in mid-June. We urge your immediate attention and ask for your active involvement with NYCHA to ensure the project is expeditiously funded and completed.

We greatly appreciate your involvement in this most important community project.

Sincerely,

Corey Johnson

Christine Berthet

Jay Marcus

Chair                      Co-Chair                      Co-Chair  
                                 Transportation Planning Committee   Transportation Planning Committee

cc:    Raymond Ribeiro, Executive Vice President for Capital Projects, NYCHA  
      Michael G. Johnson, Special Assistant to the Executive Vice President for Capital  
      Projects, NYCHA  
      Brian Jonan, Executive Vice President for External Affairs, NYCHA  
      Councilmember Chris Quinn