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John Rhea
Chairman, New York City Housing Authority
250 Broadway
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Re: West 27th Street Drive Repaving

Dear Chairman Rhea:

Community Board 4 (CB4) greatly appreciates the presentation given by Raymond Ribeiro Executive Vice President for Capital Projects regarding the West 27th Street Drive repaving to our Transportation Planning Committee meeting. The information was extremely helpful in assisting us to understand the NYCHA capital improvement process. It was also good to hear a member of NYCHA's senior management who was both familiar and concerned about the physical conditions at Chelsea Elliot generally and the severe condition of West 27th Street Drive specifically. We also appreciate the energy he and Special Assistant Michael Johnson are bringing to this long-overdue and urgent project.

We request the NYCHA keep CB4 informed as this project moves forward. Specifically, Mr. Ribeiro indicated that a cost estimate should be prepared in early June. He also indicated that his office would be speaking with the Board of Education, who owns some of West 27th Street Drive, about participating in funding the project (we will be writing to them as well). We hope we can receive an email update by the next Transportation Committee meeting, June 20, 2012.

As we indicated in our previous letter, West 27th Street Drive is adjacent to senior housing and two other buildings that contain several elderly and disabled tenants. The condition of the road creates severe safety risks, impairs residents' mobility, and restricts vehicular access. We encourage NYCHA to continue to put a high priority on this project.

Again, we greatly appreciate Executive Vice President Ribeiro's and your attention to this project and hope that this long-awaited project is finally moving forward.

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

Sincerely

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