

1 **Transportation Planning Committee**

Item #: 17A

2
3 June 6, 2012

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5 John Rhea
6 Chairman, New York City Housing Authority
7 250 Broadway
8 New York, NY 10007

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10 **Re: West 27th Street Drive Repaving**

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12 Dear Chairman Rhea:

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

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

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

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

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

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42 Sincerely

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45 cc: Carol Cross, Manager, Chelsea-Elliot Houses
46 Brian Honan, Executive Vice President for External Relations, NYCHA

- 1 Raymond Ribeiro, Executive Vice President for Capital Projects, NYCHA
- 2 Michael Johnson, Special Assistant to the Executive Vice President for Capital
- 3 Projects, NYCHA
- 4 Leonard Speiller, Executive Director, Public Affairs, NYC Department of Education
- 5 City Councilmember Christine Quinn
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