

1 **Transportation Planning Committee**

Item #: 17B

2
3 June 6, 2012

4
5
6 Lenny Speiller
7 Executive Director, Public Affairs
8 NYC Department of Education
9 52 Chambers Street
10 New York, NY 10007

11
12 **Re: West 27th Street Drive Repaving**

13
14 Dear Mr. Speiller:

15
16 Manhattan Community Board 4 (CB4) requests that the Department of Education work
17 with NYCHA toward the repaving of West 27th Street Drive as soon as possible. The
18 street has been in very poor condition for several years without being repaired. Its current
19 severely chopped up and pot-holed condition hurts tenant mobility and risks vehicular
20 access. While most of the drive is NYCHA property, a portion of it, about midblock,
21 belongs to the Department of Education and your proportionate contribution is requested.

22
23 West 27th Street Drive is a one way narrow street that begins on the north side mid-block
24 on West 26th Street between Ninth and Tenth Avenues and goes north and west to the
25 east side of Tenth between West 26th Streets and West 28th Street. Three buildings front
26 this street – 450 (80 apartments), 436 (94 apartments), and 426 (75 apartments) West 27th
27 Street Drive. One of the buildings (436) is specifically for seniors and the other two are
28 Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NORC's). Many of the residents are in
29 wheelchairs or otherwise mobility impaired.

30
31 The street is frequently used by Access-A-Ride and car service/taxi's for these residents.
32 However, the condition of the street discourages taxis from entering. It also makes
33 walking on the street, including for students, difficult. The residents have been
34 complaining about the condition of the road for almost ten years with no improvements
35 (except one time partial patching about 6 years ago).

36
37 NYCHA has scoped the project and is currently preparing a cost estimate. We understand
38 they will be forwarding the scope and cost estimate to your office when it is completed in
39 mid-June. We urge your immediate attention and ask for your active involvement with
40 NYCHA to ensure the project is expeditiously funded and completed.

41
42 We greatly appreciate your involvement in this most important community project.

43
44 Sincerely,

45
46

1 cc: Raymond Ribeiro, Executive Vice President for Capital Projects, NYCHA
2 Michael G. Johnson, Special Assistant to the Executive Vice President for Capital
3 Projects, NYCHA
4 Brian Jonan, Executive Vice President for External Affairs, NYCHA
5 Councilmember Chris Quinn
6