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3 Margaret Forgione  
4 Manhattan Borough Commissioner  
5 New York City Department of Transportation  
6 55 Water Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
7 New York, New York 10041

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9 **Re: Request for Bicycle Corrals in front of 536, 518, and 460-462 Ninth Avenue**

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11 Dear Commissioner Forgione:

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13 Manhattan Community Board 4 (CB4) has seen significant growth in bike deliveries  
14 especially on Eighth and Ninth Avenues. Thus, we request the installation of three  
15 “bicycle corrals” in conjunction with the upcoming installation of the bike lane on Ninth  
16 Avenue as part of a new program which proved successful in other neighborhoods.

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18 • 536 Ninth Avenue on the floating parking lane in front of Casa Issaco (current  
19 parking regulations “No Standing Except Commercial Vehicles 7am to 7pm, 3  
20 hour (Metered) Time Limit” and “No Parking 2am to 6am Tuesday, Thursday and  
21 Saturday” changed to “No Parking Anytime, Bicycle Corral”);  
22 • 518 Ninth Avenue on the floating parking lane in front of Pomodoro Italian  
23 Restaurant (current parking regulations “No Parking 7am to 7pm” and “No  
24 Parking 2am to 6am Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday” changed to “No Parking  
25 Anytime, Bicycle Corral”); and  
26 • 460-42 Ninth Avenue on the floating parking lane in front of Aura Thai (current  
27 parking regulations “No Standing Except Commercial Vehicles 7am to 7pm, 3  
28 hour (Metered) Time Limit” changed to “No Parking Anytime, Bicycle Corral”)  
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30 CB4 is pleased that DOT is willing to install bicycle corrals (bicycle racks located in  
31 parking lane in lieu of parking space with signage and a protected area around it) if there  
32 is a business willing to maintain this public space.  
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34 On Ninth Avenue, sometimes as many as 16 bikes are congregated in one spot on the  
35 sidewalk, obstructing the walkway on narrow sidewalks already very congested. We feel  
36 that this is a concept that is consistent with the city’s efforts to increase bicycle usage and  
37 will discourage bicycle parking that obstructs pedestrian passageway on sidewalks. We  
38 also expect it will reduce occurrence of riding on the sidewalk, by further separating  
39 bicycles from pedestrians.  
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41 The parking spaces at the proposed locations are often occupied throughout the day by  
42 private cars using police placards.  
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44 In proposing these locations, we were mindful of the following considerations:

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46 • The proposed Bicycle Corral is located adjacent to a bicycle lane;

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- The business at the address fronting the bicycle corral agrees to maintain the space and signed a maintenance agreement as required by the DOT
  - Notification of the location of a proposed Bicycle Corral was posted at least one week in advance of the public hearing on that location;
  - The current use and regulations on the parking lane
  - The Bicycle Corral space does not exceed the length of the lesser of the sponsoring businesses street frontage or 9 feet (the equivalent of one parking space);
  - Residents and/or Community Board members have noted crowded and problematic bicycle parking along the sidewalk.
  - The DOT will install signage and protection from traffic for the corral
  - The DOT will remove the Bicycle Corral upon the request of the Community Board or if the business fails to maintain it adequately.

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61 As always, we appreciate your assistance and consideration.

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63 Sincerely yours,

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