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Edward F. Pincar Jr.
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
NYC Department of Transportation
55 Water Street
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Re: Proposed 155th Street Bx6 Bus Stop

Dear Borough Commissioner Pincar:

In October of 2019, NYC DOT (“DOT”) informed the Manhattan Community Board 10 Transportation, Historic Preservation, and Landmarks Committee (“Committee”) that it is considering a Bx6 bus stop on 155th Street at the base of the Macombs Dam Bridge. At that time, DOT representatives did not have complete information as to why the bus stop was originally closed years ago or data on area traffic patterns. On November 12, 2019, representatives from DOT presented its plan again to the Committee. While the second presentation provided more information, it was not enough to create a clear picture of the project’s impact. The committee also wanted to hear from the affected community.

On December 10, 2019, Assemblyman Al Taylor, his staff and several community members attended the Transportation Committee Meeting and voiced their support for the new Bx6 bus stop. Assemblyman Taylor provided the history of the prior bus stop and signed petitions from the community. During this third presentation, NDOT stated that if the Committee supported the project, they would address the Committee continuing concerns, which are outlined below.

In light of the strong support for this project voiced by Assemblyman Taylor and affected community members who expressed the pressing need for the bus stop, Community Board 10 conditionally supports the proposed Bx6 bus stop on West 155th Street at the base of the Macombs Dam Bridge.

While the Board supports the re-installation of the bus stop, the Board still has concerns regarding its accessibility and safety:

- 1) Accessibility – there should be an elevator installed to access the Bridge. The stairs are overwhelming, especially for residents who are senior citizens or have mobility issues.
- 2) Safety - Lack of lighting at the proposed location and the stairs leading from under the bridge to the proposed bus stop

- 3) Continued traffic pattern evaluation – We ask that DOT vigilantly assess the year-round traffic patterns and be proactive in alleviating traffic congestion, especially during the morning rush hour and Yankee games.
- 4) Pedestrian experience at the intersections/crosswalk signs/street markings – the intersection where the bus stop is proposed lacks wayfinding and basic tools for pedestrians to traverse the streets and walk along the sidewalks.
- 5) Cyclist safety – DOT needs to devise a plan that insures cyclist safety.
- 6) Continued community engagement especially with key stakeholders, such as the residents in the Polo Grounds Towers and the Colonial Park Houses.

At the Wednesday, February 5, 2020 General Board meeting the full board voted in support of the application with a vote of [32] Yes, [0] No, [0] Abstain.

We look forward to continuing this conversation with NYC DOT, elected officials and the community.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cicely Harris". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Cicely" being more prominent than the last name "Harris".

Cicely Harris

Chair, Manhattan Community Board 10

Interim Chair, Transportation, Historic Preservation, and Landmarks Committee