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Polly Trottenberg  
Transportation Commissioner  
NYC Department of Transportation  
55 Water Street  
New York, NY 10041

**Re: DDC Water Main Project Night Construction Concern**

Dear Commissioner Trottenberg:

Manhattan Community Board 4 requests the assistance of the Department of Transportation (DOT) in minimizing the negative impact the upcoming New York City Department of Design and Construction (DDC) Accelerated Water Main Replacement and Sewer Rehabilitation project will have on our community by ensuring that night construction will not be permitted.

At the March 16, 2016 meeting of the CB4 Transportation Committee, DDC made a presentation about the ongoing water main construction project happening in Manhattan Community District 4 (MCD4). In their presentation they informed us that the next part of the project would move to the following locations:

- West 43rd Street Between Tenth Avenue and Twelfth Avenue
- Tenth Avenue between West 43rd Street and West 44th Street
- Eleventh Avenue between West 43rd Street and West 44th Street
- West 35th / West 36th / West 37th / West 38th Streets between Eighth Avenue and Tenth Avenue
- Eighth / Ninth / Tenth Avenues between West 35th Street and West 38th Street.

This construction project is expected to take at least 12 months and while we understand the importance of this project we know it will have a significant impact on the quality of life for residents in our community. We are particularly concerned about night construction during this project which if allowed would be extremely disruptive for the thousands of residents in the area.

This DDC project is one of many ongoing construction projects in our neighborhood which greatly disrupt our resident's quality of life. From the massive construction taking place over years on W. 54th Street between Eleventh and Twelfth Avenues, to the rezoning of Eleventh Avenue, to the proposed rezoning in Clinton's Special Urban Renewal Area (CURA), to the ongoing development at Hudson Yards, West Chelsea and its surrounding neighborhoods, MCD4 residents have been exposed to years of quality of life abuses due to the construction noise and the issuance of After Hours Work Variances that have been previously granted, and is also facing a minimum of ten to fifteen more years of massive and constant new construction in the midst of its residential neighborhoods.

CB4 therefore requests that DOT ensure that the DDC project will not be granted permits for night construction in these residential areas. CB4 believes that this project can be completed while maintaining the flow of traffic and limiting construction to hours that will not negatively impact residents. CB4 previously expressed our concern about night construction in regards to the DOT's overnight repaving projects in a letter dated July 28, 2014, and we hope that our concerns expressed then will also be considered in this matter.

We urge the DOT to seriously consider our request and make these reasonable accommodations to preserve the quality of life for MCD4's residents.

Sincerely,



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Chair



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