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Mr. Norberto Acevedo  
NYC Department of Design & Construction  
30-30 Thompson Avenue  
Long Island City, New York 11101

**Re: Closure of 33rd Street Between 10th and 11th Avenues For Construction**

Dear Mr. Acevedo:

Manhattan Community Board 4 appreciates the presentation by NYC Department of Design and Construction (DDC) regarding the construction for the street redesign of 33rd Street between 10th and 11th Avenues. We understand the importance of this project as it relates to the Hudson Yards developments and the connection of the Hudson Boulevard Park.

The project which includes the leveling of 33rd street with Hudson Blvd and the Avenues will be a great improvement to our neighborhood and we support the closing of the street during the 24 months of construction. However, we agree to this on the condition that the street design fully mitigates the conditions identified in the 2005 Hudson Yards FGEIS. The analysis of the sidewalk condition on 33rd street concluded that Level of Service (LOS) for pedestrians was an "E" or severely restricted and could not be mitigated except by changing the geometry of the street ([http://www.nyc.gov/html/dcp/pdf/hyards/hy\\_chap20\\_t\\_fgeis\\_final.pdf](http://www.nyc.gov/html/dcp/pdf/hyards/hy_chap20_t_fgeis_final.pdf)[nyc.gov] Pages 20-166, 170, 171, 172).

Since this street will undergo redesign construction, CB4 believes that the LOS should be corrected. This entails wider sidewalks, tree pits, bulb outs and raised pedestrian crossings at the corners and a wide speed table in the middle to allow pedestrians to cross safely between the plaza and the park/subway entrance.

Again, we greatly appreciate your cooperation on this matter and we hope you will take our concerns into consideration and improve the level of service for pedestrians on this street during this project.

Sincerely,



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