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Ms. Margaret Forgione  
Manhattan Borough Commissioner  
NYC Department of Transportation  
59 Maiden Lane, 37th Floor  
New York, NY 10038

**Re: Bike Corral at 710-712 Ninth Ave**

Dear Commissioner Forgione:

Manhattan Community Board 4 (CB4) supports the installation of a bike corral (bicycle racks located in parking lane in lieu of a parking space with signage and a protected area around it) for 20 bicycles on Ninth Avenue. The requested bike corral location is:

- The east side of Ninth Avenue between W 48<sup>th</sup> and W 49<sup>th</sup> streets in the general vicinity of 710-712 Ninth Ave.
- The current curbside regulation is Three Hour Metered Parking Commercial Vehicles Only, Others No Standing 7AM to 7PM Except Sunday and Two Hour Metered Parking 7PM-11PM Except Sunday.
- The establishment Istanbul Kebab House has accepted to maintain the corral although the public will be able to park there.

CB4 is also requesting that the bicycles racks currently installed on these sidewalks be removed and NYC Department of Transportation coordinate enforcement of illegal bicycle parking and sidewalk obstructions with NYPD & DSNY following the installation of the bicycle corral.

CB4 was one of the early adopter of the bike corral concept, which is consistent with the city's efforts to increase bicycle usage and while reclaiming space for pedestrian use and reducing occurrence of riding on the sidewalk, by further separating bicycles from pedestrians.

Neighborhood residents have indicated that on the east side of Ninth Avenue between 48<sup>th</sup> and 49<sup>th</sup> streets, sometimes as many as 20 bicycles are congregated along the sidewalk, obstructing the walkway on narrow sidewalks already very congested. Given that several restaurants on the block utilize delivery bikes and many residents and visitors

use personal bicycles, CB4 is pleased that the Istanbul Kebab house has submitted an application to DOT indicating their willingness to maintain the bike corral for public use.

In supporting this location, we were mindful of the following considerations:

- The proposed Bicycle Corral is located adjacent to a bicycle lane;
  - The location was chosen because it is in the middle of the block or closest to the highest concentration of bike users.
  - The business at the address fronting the bicycle corral agrees to maintain the space (clean the space, remove snow, notify sanitation an NYPD of abandoned bike) and sign a maintenance agreement with DOT or a local organization as required by the DOT.
  - Notification of the location of a proposed Bicycle Corral, and removal of parking was posted at least one week in advance of the public hearing on that location;
  - The current use and regulations on the parking lane
  - 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
- As always, we appreciate your assistance and consideration.

The Istanbul Kebab House submitted a Bicycle Corral application to NYC DOT on October 26<sup>th</sup> 2015 however NYC DDC's ongoing Water Main Project (MED-609(599)) has occupied the Ninth Ave street bed for several years and delayed several bicycle Corrals.

With the completion of DDC work along Ninth Ave and the return of pedestrian refuge islands in mid-March 2016 Community Board 4 looks forward to the installation of the Bicycle Corral at 710/712 Ninth Ave as well as the previously approved Corrals at 766 & 790 Ninth Ave. Community Board 4 looks forward to hearing from NYCDOT on a timeline for installation.

Sincerely,



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