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**The City of New York  
Community Board 8 Manhattan**

February 17, 2022

Edward F. Pincar  
Manhattan Borough Commissioner  
Department of Transportation  
59 Maiden Lane, 37th Floor  
New York, NY 10038

**RE: ADA Ramp at the Frick Collection**

Dear Commissioner Pincar

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on February 16, 2022, the board **APPROVED** the following resolution by a vote of 32 in favor, 2 opposed, 0 abstentions and 2 not voting for cause:

**WHEREAS;** a revocable consent is requested by the Frick Collection to construct, maintain and use an ADA Ramp with stairs on the south sidewalk of East 71st Street; and

**WHEREAS;** the proposed ramp would provide access to the Art Reference Library, which operates separately from the rest of the Frick Collection Institution; and

**WHEREAS;** the proposed length of the ramp is approximately 26 feet, which is necessary to allow the height of the entrance to the cellar to be increased to meet ADA standards; and

**WHEREAS;** the ramp will be 3' 10" wide, exceeding the minimum 3' ADA requirement; and

**WHEREAS;** there will be an additional 5 feet of railing alongside a staircase at the opposite side of the ramp that also leads to the cellar entrance;

**WHEREAS;** there will be over 5 feet of minimum sidewalk clearance between the ramp railing and existing tree pits, which exceeds City of New York requirements; and

**WHEREAS;** the issue of ADA accessibility is of extreme importance to Community Board 8;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that Community Board 8 approves, as presented, the request by the Frick Collection for a revocable consent to construct, maintain and use an ADA Ramp with stairs on the south sidewalk of East 71st Street to provide access to the Frick's Art Reference Library; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that use of such a ramp be limited to hours the Frick's Art Reference Library is open and shall be used only for accessibility purposes.

Please advise us of any action taken on this matter.

Sincerely,

*Russell Squire*

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*Craig Lader and Charles Warren*

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Co-Chairs, Transportation Committee

cc: Honorable Eric Adams, Mayor of the City of New York  
Honorable Carolyn Maloney, 12th Congressional District Representative  
Honorable Mark Levine, Manhattan Borough President  
Honorable Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 28th Senatorial District  
Honorable José M. Serrano, NYS Senator, 29th Senatorial District  
Honorable Dan Quart, NYS Assembly Member, 73rd Assembly District  
Honorable Rebecca Seawright, NYS Assembly Member 76th Assembly District  
Honorable Julie Menin, NYC Council Member, 5th Council District  
Honorable Keith Powers, NYC Council Member, 4th Council District