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

May 12, 2022

Shelton J. Hayes  
President & CEO  
Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation  
524 Main Street  
Roosevelt Island, NY 10044

**RE: Northern East-West Road known as “Road Ten”**

Dear President Hayes,

At the Land Use Committee Meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan, held on May 11, 2022, the board unanimously approved the following resolution by a vote of 35 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause.

**WHEREAS**, the Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation is currently in the process of evaluating the walkways, proposed bike lanes, current roads, and available parking on Roosevelt Island to develop a comprehensive plan for the future...

**WHEREAS**, in the construction of Octagon apartment complex on the north side of the island, which was completed in 2006, the Northern East-West Road known as Road Ten was removed...

**WHEREAS**, the loss of East-West Road Ten has created a hardship for people to traverse from the Red Bus Stop (the free community bus) on the East Side of the island to the West Side promenade as there are no walkways, paths, or ADA compliant access.

**WHEREAS**, the recent renovations of the McManus Field and the Sanctuary Event Venue ,the Addition of the Girl Puzzle Monument, updated athletic equipment and park areas has made this part of the island even more desirable to residents and visitors...

**WHEREAS**, the Red Bus Stop bus is in front of the comfort station at McManus Field on the East side of the island and there is no current East-West path from one side of the island to the other this puts an unfair hardship on those with mobility issues. This hardship particularly affects those who would like to attend events at the Sanctuary Event Venue or who would like to get to the West Side of McManus field or use the community picnic tables on the West Side.

**WHEREAS**, the lack of direct access puts an undue burden on people with mobility issues and creates a challenge for emergency vehicles

**WHEREAS**, when the East-West Road Ten removal was contemplated there was no Community input to its need and value

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

- This important point of East-West traverse previously known as Road Ten on the North end of Roosevelt Island be forever reestablished and returned as an East-West Road.
- The current existing half road be completed/continued with its sidewalk and traverse from East to West, for people with mobility issues, and as a safety access be reestablished
- This East-West road be included in the projected comprehensive review of roadways and sidewalks in the plan currently under review.

Sincerely,

*Russell Squire*

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*Lynne Strong-Shinozaki and Paul Krikler*

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Co-Chairs, Roosevelt Island 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  
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Honorable Julie Menin, NYC Council Member, 5th Council District  
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