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

April 14, 2022

Honorable Kathy Hochul,
Governor of New York State
NY State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

RE: Requesting the Traffic Mobility Review Board comply fully with the Open Meetings Law

Dear Governor Hochul,

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on April 13, 2022, the board unanimously **APPROVED** the following resolution by a vote of 41 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause:

WHEREAS; The Traffic Mobility Review Board (“TMRB”) is the New York State entity tasked with making recommendations regarding the central business district toll amounts and recommending a plan for credits, discounts, and/or exemptions for tolls paid; and

WHEREAS; TMRB recommendations will be provided to the Triboro Bridge and Tunnel Authority for approval; and

WHEREAS; the TMRB will need to hold meetings to discuss issues and make decisions with respect to rules; and

WHEREAS; the Open Meetings Law was enacted because “the public has the right to attend meeting of public bodies, listen to debate and watch the decision-making process”; and

WHEREAS; the Open Meetings Law applies to public bodies, defined to include entities consisting of two or more people who conduct public business and perform a governmental function for New York State; and

WHEREAS; the people’s right to witness and observe the governmental decision-making process in action is basic to our society. Access to public portions of meetings of public bodies must be protected and maintained; and

WHEREAS; the congestion pricing law will have an effect, and unintended consequences on residents and businesses in Manhattan and other New York City Boroughs;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Traffic Mobility Review Board comply fully with the Open Meetings Law, hold all meetings as public meetings, and allow the public to witness its deliberations and decision-making process.

Please advise us of any action taken on this matter.

Sincerely,

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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