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

April 22, 2025

Jennifer Sta. Ines  
Manhattan Deputy Borough Commissioner  
Department of Transportation  
59 Maiden Lane, 37th Floor  
New York, NY 10038

**RE: 79th Street Capital Project**

Dear Deputy Commissioner Sta. Ines,

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on April 16, 2025, the board approved the following resolution by a vote of 32 in favor, 8 opposed, 2 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

**WHEREAS;** NYCDOT is proposing a capital project to improve safety along the M79 Select Bus Service Corridor; and

**WHEREAS;** the M79 SBS is one of the busiest and most productive bus routes in Manhattan with about 13,000 daily passengers; and

**WHEREAS;** the 2017 upgrade to the M79 to convert it to an SBS route resulted in increased ridership, improved reliability, travel time savings, and improved safety resulting from traffic calming effects; and

**WHEREAS;** the 79<sup>th</sup> Street corridor continues to be among the top 33% of corridors in terms of the rate of injuries/fatalities per mile; and

**WHEREAS;** roadway conditions along the route have deteriorated, with some sections of the roadway and sidewalk in need of capital improvements and repair; and

**WHEREAS;** there were some upgrades that were not able to be completed or incorporated into the 2017 SBS project, including some non-permanent materials being used in some instances and leaving some intersections in non-compliance with the ADA; and

**WHEREAS;** there continues to be crowding at certain bus stops along with a lack of circulation space, while some bus operation issues continue such as illegal parking in bus stops and bus lanes; and

**WHEREAS;** the proposed project will add bus bulbs and curb extensions to reduce crossing distances and add sidewalk space; and

**WHEREAS;** upgraded bus stops and sidewalks will add environmental benefits including trees and landscaping, along with infiltration basins that help with stormwater runoff; and

**WHEREAS;** roadway resurfacing, installation of bus pads, and related utility and sewer work will provide long-term improvements;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that Community Board 8 Manhattan supports the proposed M79 SBS Capital Project to improve safety and upgrades bus stops, intersections and roadway conditions.

Please advise our office of any action taken on this matter.

Sincerely,

*Valerie S. Mason*

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*Craig Lader and Charles Warren*

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Co-Chairs, Transportation Committee

cc: Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor of New York  
Honorable Eric Adams, Mayor of the City of New York  
Honorable Mark Levine, Manhattan Borough President  
Honorable Jerrold Nadler, 12th Congressional District Representative  
Honorable Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 28th Senatorial District  
Honorable José M. Serrano, NYS Senator, 29th Senatorial District  
Honorable Edward Gibbs, NYS Assembly Member 68th Assembly District  
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Honorable Keith Powers, NYC Council Member, 4th Council District  
Honorable Julie Menin, NYC Council Member, 5th Council District  
Honorable Diana Ayala, NYC Council Member, 8<sup>th</sup> Council District