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Re: West 28th Street MTA Electric Substation (West of Eighth Avenue)

Manhattan Community Board (MCB4) thanks the MTA for updating us on this project. The project will last 24 months at street level and will be completed by the end of 2024.

Although the Penn South community which surrounds the site has serious concerns and reservations about the location of such a project in their midst, we learned that an RFP will be issued shortly. This is a reminder of key requests that were made to your team during a walkthrough last month. MCB4's Executive Committee at its June 27th meeting, voted by 14 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstaining, and 0 present but not eligible¹, to request that the RFP should include the following for any construction above ground or that generates noisy above ground activities (material deliveries, etc.):

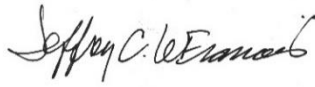
- Exceptional measures for sound elimination as the construction is right in the middle of a very quiet and very residential district.
- Noisy activity and Construction time limited to the hours 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. during the week and none during the weekend.
- No encroachment on the Penn South parks and gardens: MTA construction site will be adjacent to a new building being erected just to the north of the excavation.
- Pedestrians' detour on Eighth Avenue to be located to the west of the bike lane instead of the east.

The residents also noted, that although they will be extremely inconvenienced by this project, many of them will not benefit from these improvements. They cannot use the subway since the

¹ This letter is subject to ratification at the July 27th Full Board meeting.

closest station at West 23rd Street is not accessible. Can you provide a date by which the A/C/E station at West 23rd Street and Eighth Avenue will be made accessible?

Sincerely,



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