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October 17, 2018

Howard Fieder  
NYC Department of Correction  
75-20 Astoria Blvd, Suite 160  
East Elmhurst, NY 11370  
Re: Manhattan Detention Center, Draft EIS

Dear Mr. Fieder,

On behalf of Manhattan Community Board No. 2 (CB2), we are writing to express our Board's concern with the proposed Manhattan Detention Center (MDC) site at 80 Centre Street, particularly in relation to expected traffic increases in the CB2 community that would severely impact our already overburdened streets. Although the new MDC will be located within Manhattan Community Board No. 1, because of its close proximity to CB2, we believe that the study area boundary in the current Draft Scope of Work for a Draft EIS should extend beyond both the current 400-foot perimeter (Figure 10) and the Existing Land Use study area (Figure 20), and that there should be additional traffic analysis locations beyond the current designated five intersections (Figure 24) as well, to address anticipated congestion, vehicular conflicts and pedestrian safety issues that will affect a more extensive area of CB2 than is included in the scope now.

Canal Street, which borders Manhattan Community Boards No. 1, 2 and 3, already handles a large volume of vehicular traffic to and from the Manhattan Bridge and the Holland Tunnel. Per the Draft Scope of Work, "Based on preliminary estimates, the RWCDs (Reasonable Worst Case Scenario) for the Manhattan Site is expected to generate an increase of approximately 116 vehicular trips in the weekday AM and 123 in the mid-afternoon peak hours, and 92 in the Saturday mid-afternoon peak hour, compared with the No Action condition."

CB2 believes that this increased vehicular traffic will further congest Canal Street and its connecting streets, and that data collection for the Draft EIS should take place along Canal Street from Bowery to Varick Street, not just from Bowery to Mott Street, and that problematic intersections such as Canal at Centre, at Lafayette, at Broadway, and at Avenue of the Americas also should be analyzed. In consideration of these far-reaching impacts, CB2 urges that the scope for the proposed MDC site Draft EIS study be extended as far north as Broome Street, and as far west as Varick Street, both major routes to the Holland Tunnel and ones that present vehicular access challenges that call for study in this situation.

CB2 also recommends and emphatically requests that the MDC Draft EIS be presented to our Board once it has been completed, for CB2's comment. As we were not included in any discussions with the New York City Department of Correction during the original scoping period, even though traffic data collection is already slated to be conducted at intersections that include our District, we strongly believe that CB2's comments are a critical part of the response to these draft proposals.

Should you have any questions regarding our concerns or requests, please feel free to contact our Board office. We look forward to your response and to CB2's participation in this process.

Sincerely,



Terri Cude, Chair  
Community Board No. 2, Manhattan



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Community Board No. 2, Manhattan

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