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Resolution of support for the Department of Transportation to study certain projects for construction using the Greater East Midtown Public Realm Improvement Fund

WHEREAS, the NYC Department of City Planning and the NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) presented the proposed improvements to the public realm as identified in the East Midtown rezoning and the process by which the improvements will be selected at a joint meeting of Manhattan Community Board Five and Manhattan Community Board Six (CB6) on February 1, 2018;

WHEREAS, the projects are funded from the transfer of development rights under the recently passed East Midtown rezoning, and that funding is limited to \$38 million at this time, and the DOT provided the costs as a guide with exact scope and costs to be determined;

WHEREAS, the proposals are divided into 3 types and have the following description and associated approximate costs:

Thoroughfare Improvements (\$5 Million per block, minimum 4 blocks) - widening sidewalks where possible, providing bus bulbs to make for easier bus pick-up and drop-off, and expanding the space where pedestrians may stand while waiting to cross the street.

Shared streets (\$15 Million per block) - modifying a street to open it up to pedestrians and vehicles. This approach expands pedestrian space while still permitting delivery vehicles and cyclists to pass through at a recommended speed limit of 5 MPH.

Plazas (\$15 Million per block) - modifying an area to make it a public plaza;

WHEREAS, CB6 has the opportunity to rank the projects that it would like to see developed first from within the proposed list;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Manhattan Community Board Six proposes the following ranking of the proposals:

Thoroughfare improvements - Lexington Avenue, 41st to 57th Streets
Shared Streets - 44th Street, Lexington Avenue to Third Avenue
Plazas - Pershing Square East, 41st to 42nd Streets
Thoroughfare improvements - 53rd Street, Fifth Avenue to Third Avenue
Thoroughfare improvements - Third Avenue, 41st to 57th Streets
Shared Streets – Security Bollards for 43rd Street, Lexington Avenue to Third Avenue
Shared Streets - Vanderbilt Avenue, 43rd to 47th Streets.

*Adopted at the February 14, 2018 Full Board meeting of Manhattan Community Board Six, by a vote of: **34 in Favor 0 Opposed 1 Abstention 0 Not Entitled***