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February 3rd, 2020

Mr. Edward Pincar
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
New York City Department of Transportation
59 Maiden Lane, 37th Floor
New York, NY 10038

Dear Manhattan Borough Commissioner Pincar:

I write on behalf of residents on West 89th Street and the West 89th Street Block Association, who contacted my office back in September, 2019 regarding the cave in condition on West 89th Street in front of #40 and #42.

A joint field meeting was held on 1/31/20 with DEP and DOT's Sidewalk and Roadway Divisions to discuss the cave-in condition at this location. DEP Water and Sewer investigated and found no issues with their infrastructure/hardware. The house lines for both #40 and #42 were checked and there were no issues. Our office also contacted the Parks Department regarding the leaning tree at this location, to remove the leaning tree in front of the cave in condition.

These are the findings of the condition:

1. 15'x7'.7" of the roadway is caved-in down 1' and undermined
2. 12'x6'.5" of the sidewalk is undermined
3. Curb sunken

My office was informed on January 31, 2020 that this would be added to the "Orphan list" for repair with no set timeline or priority. I commend the multi agency response to this issue but now given the egregious condition, potential safety issues and the fact that this condition has already been present for nearly 6 months, I am requesting this cave in condition be immediately addressed by the Dept of Transportation as per the result of the findings.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Rita Genn in my office at rgenn@council.nyc.gov or 212-873-0282, ext 206.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Helen Rosenthal".

Helen Rosenthal
City Council Member, 6th District

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