



January 23, 2017

Anthony Shorris  
First Deputy Mayor  
City Hall  
New York, NY 10007

Dear First Deputy Mayor Shorris,

We write regarding construction coordination in Lower Manhattan. On March 9<sup>th</sup> last year, we wrote to ask your office to assign a construction coordinator to Lower Manhattan to address the multitude of construction projects downtown, attached. Ten months later, there has been no effort to coordinate construction nor has there been a response to our letter. We are deeply disappointed to have not received an acknowledgement to our correspondence.

The recent announcement of a Department of Design and Construction (DDC) water main reconstruction on Warren Street between Broadway and West Street highlights this concern. Warren Street already has significant street activity. Currently, there are 17 properties on those four blocks which have active permits with the Department of Buildings (DOB). Additionally, two bus lines, the M9 and the Downtown Connection Bus, both operate on Warren Street. Warren Street is also adjacent to a local elementary school.

A coordinating entity would be helpful to work with the many agencies and contractors and be a point of contact for local stakeholders to raise quality of life concerns. In the absence of such an entity, ensuring the combination of these projects has a minimal impact on the quality of life for residents and businesses of the area is often left undone.

We acknowledge that as Lower Manhattan continues to grow, replacing aging infrastructure is a priority. However, it is also the city's responsibility to do as much as possible to alleviate construction's impact on our constituents. Coordination from your office will ensure overlapping projects spanning multiple agencies and stakeholders will proceed on time and with minimal disruption to residents.

We reiterate our request for a meeting to discuss further, and for any response to our repeated correspondence.

Sincerely,

Daniel Squadron  
State Senator

Jerrold Nadler  
Congressmember

Gale Brewer  
Manhattan Borough President

Deborah Glick  
Assemblymember

Yuh-Line Niou  
Assemblymember

Margaret Chin  
Councilmember

cc: Dr. Feniosky Peña-Mora, Commissioner, DDC