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**The City of New York**
**Community Board 8 Manhattan**

July 24, 2026

Danielle Zuckerman
Borough Commissioner
Department of Transportation
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**RE: E-Bike Battery Swapping Charging Stations**

Dear Borough Commissioner Zuckerman,

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on July 15, 2026, the board approved the following resolution by a vote of 36 in favor, 6 opposed, 2 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

> **WHEREAS,** the New York City Department of Transportation has proposed installing 25 e-bike battery swapping charging stations citywide as part of a $3 million state-funded initiative; and
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> **WHEREAS,** over 900 lithium-ion battery fires have occurred citywide in recent years, caused primarily by uncertified batteries and improper indoor charging practices, resulting in deaths, injuries, and building damage; and
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> **WHEREAS,** NYCDOT 2024 pilot program with over 100 delivery workers demonstrated strong adoption of certified battery swapping technology because it eliminates dangerous indoor charging, provides reliable battery access, and improves work efficiency; and
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> **WHEREAS,** the two proposed locations in Community District 8 Manhattan (Second Avenue at East 79th Street and First Avenue at East 73rd Street) serve areas with high delivery worker concentration and meet DOT's stringent clearance criteria for safe placement; and
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> **WHEREAS,** cabinets will feature UL-certified batteries, fire containment design, automatic defect detection, and 24/7 DOT/FDNY notification, significantly improving battery safety compared to current practices;
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> **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that Community Board 8 Manhattan supports the Department of Transportation's proposal to install e-bike battery swapping charging stations at Second Avenue at East 79th Street and First Avenue at East 73rd Street, and the Committee welcomes DOT's consideration of alternative feasible locations if identified; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Committee encourages DOT to work with the City Council toward arrangements where delivery companies contribute to battery rental costs to reduce burden on workers.

Please advise our office of any action taken on this matter.

Sincerely,

*Valerie S. Mason* *Craig Lader and Charles Warren*

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