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**COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN ANNOUNCES
RELOCATION OF CITI BIKE STATION FROM
CONGESTED ELIZABETH STREET**

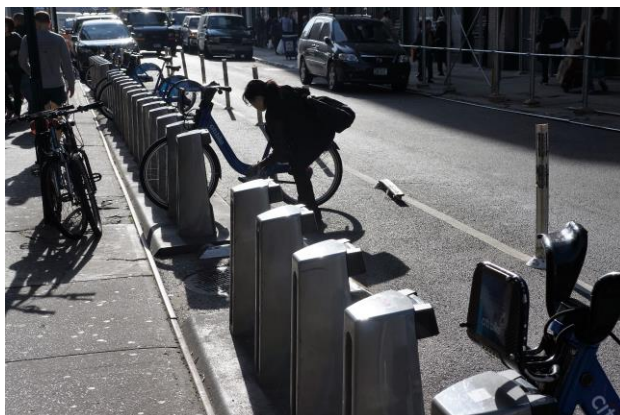
*Bike-share docking area created trip hazard for pedestrians;
added to increased congestion on narrow, busy street*

CHINATOWN –Today, Council Member Margaret S. Chin (D-Lower Manhattan) announced the successful result of a months-long push to relocate a Citi Bike docking station from a congested street to a more suitable location for pedestrians and cyclists.

Council Member Chin joined neighborhood activists, members of Community Board 2, and the Chinatown Partnership to push for the change in response to concerns from residents and business owners. The effort began with outreach to the New York City Department of Transportation (NYCDOT) and Motivate, the operator of Citi Bike.



The station, formerly located on the southeast side of Elizabeth Street between Hester and Canal streets, has been moved to Grand Street – located two blocks away along a wider thoroughfare with a dedicated bike lane.



“Moving this Citi Bike station is a ‘win-win’ for pedestrians and cyclists in our community,” said **Council Member Chin**. “With this move, pedestrians – especially elderly residents – can navigate a busy and congested Elizabeth Street without worrying about a trip and fall. And cyclists will enjoy a more convenient docking station along an existing bike lane on a major thoroughfare through my Council District. I thank Commissioner Trottenberg, NYCDOT staff, and Citi Bike for making a change that I believe will have a positive impact on pedestrians and cyclists.”

The new docking station has been placed in Grand Street's existing floating parking lane, which is governed by street cleaning regulations. Regular parking regulations have been restored on Elizabeth Street at the former Citi Bike location.

PHOTO CAPTION [Top; Photo credit: Cora Fung]: The new, expanded and relocated Citi Bike docking station on Grand Street between Elizabeth and Mott streets.

PHOTO CAPTION [Bottom; Photo credit: Wellington Chen]: The bike share station formerly on Elizabeth Street between Hester and Canal streets.

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