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NYC DOT And Elected Officials Celebrate The Installation Of A New Stop Sign In Dutch Kills, Queens

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LONG ISLAND CITY, N.Y. –The New York City Department of Transportation (NYC DOT) today joined elected officials and local stakeholders to announce the installation of a new all-way stop sign at the intersection of 39th Avenue and 29th Street in Dutch Kills.

“The new all-way stop sign and upgraded markings at 39th Avenue and 29th Street are part of our ongoing commitment to work with the Dutch Kills community and local elected

leaders to make this intersection even safer,” said **NYC DOT Queens Borough Commissioner Nicole Garcia**. “Following our previous work to enhance visibility at this intersection and improve pedestrian access with new pedestrian ramps, the new stop sign helps clarify the right of way as pedestrians, bicyclists and vehicles cross at the intersection.”

“Dutch Kills has been changing rapidly and our infrastructure has not kept up. Improving pedestrian safety will keep our neighbors safe in this growing community and I am glad DOT heard our pleas,” said **Senate Deputy Leader Michael Gianaris**. “There is more we need done to make things even safer but I thank Commissioner Trottenberg, Borough Commissioner Garcia, and the entire DOT team for this important first step.”

“I am relieved to see an all-way stop sign installed at the intersection of 39th Avenue and 29th Street in Dutch Kills. Thank you to the Dutch Kills community for keeping up this fight and to DOT for finally heeding our calls,” said **Council Member Jimmy Van Bramer**. “Hundreds of children and families who attend one of several local schools, frequent Dutch Kills Playground, or live in the area cross this busy intersection each day. This stop sign will undoubtedly improve safety and help prevent a tragedy from occurring. As the Dutch Kills neighborhood continues to rapidly grow, we must put in place all of the traffic safety improvements that our community needs.”

“The Community Board is thrilled that this safety measure has been implemented to protect all users of the roads in our district,” said **Florence Koulouris, District Manager of Queens Community Board 1**.

Following the advocacy of local elected leaders, DOT re-evaluated this intersection for an all-way stop sign. The signs were installed on in early July, and markings were completed last week. This latest treatment follows a 2018 project to install an enhanced crossing, which featured crosswalks and pedestrian signage as well as upgraded pedestrian ramps on the corners to meet ADA guidelines.