



March 17, 2014

Margaret Forgiione
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
New York City Department of Transportation
59 Maiden Lane, 35th Floor
New York, NY 10038

Dear Commissioner Forgiione:

We are writing to commend the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) on the proposed Intersection Safety Improvements on 7th Avenue South at Waverly Place and West 4th Street/Christopher Street, and to echo the modifications recommended by Manhattan Community Board 2 (CB2) in its February 18, 2015 resolution on this matter.

The intersection at 7th Ave. S. and W 4th St. ranks in the top 1% of Manhattan intersections for pedestrians killed and severely injured by motor vehicles, with 26 total injuries from 2009-2013. We applaud DOT's willingness to work so closely with the local community throughout this process, as well as the recognition of how this project ties into the broader plans for 7th Ave S. including the proposed Complete Street and the pending Neighborhood Slow Zone west of 7th Ave. S.

CB2 has requested several minor modifications to the final design plans, such as revising the shape of the neckdown at the northwest corner of Grove St. and 7th Ave. S. and further defining the left-turn-only lane from 7th Ave. S. onto W. 4th St. We strongly urge the agency to adopt these thoughtfully considered proposals.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Tara Klein in Senator Hoylman's office at 212-633-8052.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

Gale Brewer
Manhattan Borough President

Brad Hoylman
New York State Senator

Deborah J. Glick
New York State Assembly Member

Corey Johnson
New York City Council Member

cc: Manhattan Community Board 2

Encl: Manhattan Community Board 2, February 18, 2015 Resolution