



March 17, 2014

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

Dear Commissioner Forgione:

We are writing to express our support for the New York City Department of Transportation's (DOT) proposed Lincoln Square Bow Tie Pedestrian Improvements, and to echo the modifications recommended by Manhattan Community Board 7 (CB7) in its March 3, 2015 resolution on this matter.

The cross streets of Broadway and Columbus Avenue, between 62nd and 66th Streets, is one of the most dangerous areas for pedestrians in the city, and our constituents have expressed serious concerns about these intersections. From 2008-2012, there were 123 injuries in the Lincoln Square area, including 10 severe injuries and 1 pedestrian fatality. In total, 39% of pedestrian crashes occurred while people were crossing with the signal, signifying a serious problem with existing traffic patterns.

We commend DOT for its commitment to working with the local community throughout this redesign process, including several community sessions to fully engage residents. The final product will go far toward improving safety.

CB7 has requested two minor modifications to the final design plans: to correct ponding in the area and to ensure a more robust and permanent delineation of the bicycle route between 67th and 64th Streets. Additionally, we recommend the installation of a leading pedestrian interval at the corner of 65th Street and Columbus Avenue, which has proven to be exceedingly dangerous. We strongly urge DOT 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,

Jerrold L. Nadler
Member of Congress

Brad Hoylman
New York State Senator

Gale Brewer
Manhattan Borough President

Helen Rosenthal
New York City Council Member

cc: Manhattan Community Board 7

Encl: Manhattan Community Board 7, March 3, 2015 Resolution