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April 28, 2020

Hon. Polly Trottenberg
Commissioner
Department of Transportation
55 Water Street, 9th Floor
New York, NY 10041

Re: Regarding DoT Street Improvements along W 178th St. between FWA and Wadsworth Avenues

Dear Commissioner Trottenberg:

At the General Meeting on Tuesday, April 28, 2020, with a vote of 34 in favor, 2 opposed, 1 abstention, Community Board 12 Manhattan, passed a resolution supporting NYC DoT's proposed changes along W 178th St. between FWA and Wadsworth Avenues.

Whereas: Whereas NYC DoT identified the corridor along W. 178th St. from Fort Washington Avenue (FWA) and Wadsworth Avenue as a Vision Zero Priority Intersection from the standpoint of pedestrian injuries and traffic organization coming off the GWB and heading eastbound on W. 178th St.; and

Whereas: Several bus lines have a stop on W 178th St between FWA and Broadway, including Bx3, Bx11, Bx 13, Bx36, and M98; and

Whereas: At the W. 178th St & Broadway intersection, the majority of pedestrian injuries have occurred where pedestrians are crossing with the light, and of those instances, the majority related to cars making a left turn from W 178th St. to Broadway; and

Whereas: Traffic at FWA coming off the GWB upper-level ramp and from W 178th cross W 178th at FWA simultaneously, and must merge into fewer lanes that have no markings, which creates an unsafe and often chaotic situation on W 178th St. between FWA and Broadway; and

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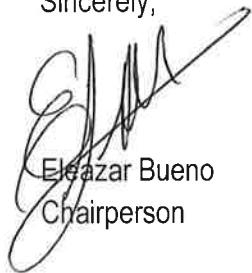
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Whereas: NYC DoT proposes a series of modifications to W 178th Street and the intersections with FWA, Broadway, and Wadsworth Avenue including 1) creating separate signal timing at FWA for traffic coming off the upper level of GWB and from W. 178th Street; 2) installing a bus-only lane to formalize layover space and provide safe access to bus stops on W 178th St.; 3) install lane designations and buffers to better organize roadway, and 4) adding an island on Broadway at the south crossing of W 178th Street to shorten crossing distance; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: Community Board 12, Manhattan supports NYC DoT's proposed changes along W 178th St. between FWA and Wadsworth Avenues.

Sincerely,



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cc: Hon. Edward F. Pincar Jr. Manhattan Borough
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Re: Regarding DoT Street Improvements to RSD new FW Park on April 6, 2020.

Dear Commissioner Trottenberg:

At the General Meeting on Tuesday, April 28, 2020, with a vote of 35 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstentions, Community Board 12 Manhattan, passed a resolution supporting NYC DoT's proposed changes along Riverside Drive between W 169th St. and W. 173rd Streets.

Whereas: Whereas NYC Parks Department wishes to improve neighborhood access to Fort Washington Park along Riverside Drive roughly between W. 169th Street and W. 173rd Streets where both the Henry Hudson Parkway (HHP) and Trans Manhattan Expressway (TME) have on and off-ramps and the NYC DoT wishes to improve pedestrian safety; and

Whereas: There are very few entrances to Fort Washington Park and two entrances near RSD and W 173rd Street are difficult to access given their location relative to several highway ramps; and

Whereas: This project requires a grant application with New York State, and has an estimated project start date - subject to COVID changes - of 2021 or 2022; and

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Whereas: NYC DoT proposes the installation of proper crosswalks, ADA compliant pedestrian ramps, curb extensions and sidewalks where no one currently exist, in order to provide better access to Fort Washington Park and increase pedestrian safety. These modifications would be at three locations near W. 172nd and two locations near W 169th St.; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: Community Board 12, Manhattan supports NYC DoT's proposed changes along Riverside Drive between W 169th St. and W. 173rd Streets.

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