



**Community Board 12 - Manhattan  
Washington Heights & Inwood**

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George Ferrández Jr. - Chairman  
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October 31, 2014

Hon. Polly Trottenberg  
Commissioner  
NYC Dept. of Transportation  
150 Water Street 9<sup>th</sup> Fl.  
New York, NY 10041

Hon. Margaret Forgiome  
Manhattan Borough Commissioner  
NYC Dept. of Transportation  
59 Maiden Lane 37<sup>th</sup> Fl.  
New York, NY 10038

Dear Commissioner's Trottenberg & Forgiome:

Please be advised that at the General Meeting Tuesday, October 28, 2014 Community Board 12 Manhattan passed a resolution by a vote of (31) In Favor, (1) Opposed, (0) Abstain, objecting to the proposed right turn restriction at Edgecombe Avenue in the planned traffic improvements to the intersection of West 155th Street, Saint Nicholas Place, Edgecombe Avenue, and the entrance to the Harlem River Drive and requesting as part of the project, the road surface of the intersection should be brought into acceptable condition and all improvements be made ADA compliant including audible alarms for street crossings at traffic control signals.

Whereas, the intersection of West 155th Street, Saint Nicholas Place, Edgecombe Avenue and the entrance to the Harlem River Drive has always been complex and problematical, confusing to both drivers and pedestrians, and

Whereas, this intersection ranks in the top 1% for the most accidents in the entire borough of Manhattan, and

Whereas, the road surface of the intersection is in unacceptable condition, and

Whereas, the New York City Department of Transportation, after truly extensive consultation with the community, has come up with a plan to improve the safety of this intersection, and

Whereas, while the committee and public feedback was generally supportive, appreciative and in favor of many of the proposed changes and left turn bars as presented by the DOT in order to improve the safety of the intersection especially for pedestrians, and  
Whereas, the intersection of Edgecombe Avenue lies within Community District 12, and therefore we will only comment on that specific intersection, and

Whereas, the proposed plan will prohibit right turns from the southbound lane of Edgecombe Avenue, and

Whereas, this prohibition will make traveling significantly more difficult for those drivers and bicyclists who had previous made this turn, and

Whereas, both community residents and the local police precinct expressed objections to this restriction at our most recent Traffic Transportation Committee meeting due to both the inconvenience and the fact that only a small number of cars actually make the turn even during peak hours, now therefore be it

Resolved, Community Board 12, Manhattan objects to the proposed right turn restriction at Edgecombe Avenue in the planned traffic improvements to the intersection of West 155th Street, Saint Nicholas Place, Edgecombe Avenue, and the entrance to the Harlem River Drive, and would like the New York City Department of Transportation to reconsider its imposing this restriction, and be it further

Resolved, as part of the project, the road surface of the intersection should be brought into acceptable condition and all improvements be made ADA compliant including audible alarms for street crossings at traffic control signals.

Sincerely,

  
George Fernandez, Jr.  
Chair

cc: Hon. Bill de Blasio, Mayor  
Hon. Gail Brewer, Manhattan Borough President  
Hon. Letitia James, Public Advocate  
Hon. Scott Stringer, Comptroller  
Hon. Charles B. Rangel, Congressman  
Hon. Bill Perkins, NY State Senator  
Hon. Adriano Espaillat, NY State Senator  
Hon. Herman D. Farrell, Jr., Assembly Member  
Hon. Ydanis Rodriguez, Council Member  
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Ebenezer Smith, District Manager

October 31, 2014

Hon. Thomas F. Prendergast  
President  
Metropolitan Transit Authority  
2 Broadway  
New York, NY 10004

Dear President Prendergast:

Please be advised that at the General Meeting Tuesday, October 28, 2014 Community Board 12 Manhattan passed a resolution by a vote of (30) In Favor, (2) Opposed, (0) Abstain, supporting the general concept of the flood mitigation plan for safety measures and requesting that the design be more aesthetically appealing for the surrounding neighborhood.

Whereas the MTA Yard on 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue and between 207<sup>th</sup> to 215<sup>th</sup> Street is a critical facility for the storage and upkeep of numerous MTA trains; and

Whereas the eastern border of the yard is the Harlem River which therefore makes the entire facility susceptible to possible flooding; and

Whereas in light of Storm Sandy and other recent flooding in NYC the MTA has decided to take precautionary measure to ensure that their facilities are not damaged in the event of flash floods or other natural disasters; and

Whereas the MTA has proposed updating the surrounding walls and entrances to the yard facility by resurfacing current walls with concrete on the northern, southern and eastern sides; and

Whereas the MTA proposed adding a 11 foot sheepile stormwall to the existing wall which makes up the eastern wall; and

Whereas many community residents and board members felt that the overall project is unattractive and creates the impression of a prison facility with the proposed design consisting of slabs of concrete and high walls; now therefore be it

Resolved, Community Board 12 Manhattan supports the general concept of the flood mitigation plan for safety measures but requests that the design be more aesthetically appealing for the surrounding neighborhood

Sincerely,

  
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