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May 26, 2022

Hon. Ydanis Rodriguez  
Commissioner  
NYC Department of Transportation  
55 Water Street, 9th Floor  
New York, NY 10041

Re: Resolution Regarding DOT 2 Way Conversion of Seaman Avenue between Dyckman and Riverside Drive.

Dear Commissioner Rodriguez:

Please be advised that Community Board 12, Manhattan, passed a resolution with 24 votes in favor, 9 opposed, 3 abstentions, and 0 not voting at its Tuesday, May 24th, 2022, General Meeting, supporting the 2-way conversion plan, with implementations to include a dedicated turn-through lane on eastbound RSD at Seaman Avenue and any needed signal timing adjustments at RSD and Dyckman; and calling on DOT to make periodic observations and reports to the community board of the 2-way conversion to ensure that traffic flow in the surrounding area is not negatively impacted.

**Whereas:** In June 2021 and September 2021, DOT presented plans for a DOT Plaza on Dyckman between Broadway and Seaman Avenue. As part of those presentations and related to the closure of Dyckman between Broadway and Seaman Ave., DOT presented a plan to convert Seaman Avenue between Dyckman and Riverside Drive (the "conversion block"), currently 1-way, to 2-way; and

**Whereas:** The 2-way conversion plan design presented at the June and September, 2021 Traffic & Transportation Committee meetings included parking on the curb adjacent to the Ring Garden, the loss of 4 parking spots along the gas station side of Seaman Ave, and a shared bike lane. No opposition and some support to the 2- way conversion and matching the conversion block to the rest of Seaman was raised at these meetings; however, there was a request that efforts be made to identify additional parking spots nearby, possibly on Dyckman; and

**Whereas:** For quite some time, residents of Riverside Drive ("RSD") near Henshaw have raised issues of frequent accidents related to cars exiting the northbound Henry Hudson Parkway (HHP) and making the left turn onto Henshaw at such speed as to create unsafe conditions. Additionally, Henshaw is very narrow and quickly gets congested. The two-way conversion would likely take some pressure off the left turn at Henshaw by providing an additional and direct opportunity for drivers exiting the northbound HHP to access Seaman Avenue from RSD; and

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**Whereas:** At the April 4, 2022 meeting of the Traffic & Transportation meeting, as part of its update on various old items, DOT shared that the two-way conversion is scheduled to move forward in late spring / early summer and that there were no changes to the proposal for the conversion block as presented in September 2021. The committee noted the earlier request to identify additional parking in the area and its presumption that a left-turn lane would be established on east-bound RSD at Seaman;

**Whereas:** At the May 2, 2022, Traffic & Transportation meeting, several attendees expressed opposition to the idea based on issues in the area, such as speeding, pedestrian safety, and double parking. The potential for the problems at the intersection of Seaman Ave and RSD and the need to monitor the corner for disruptions to traffic after implementation was emphasized. Therefore, be it resolved that.

**Resolved:** Community Board 12, Manhattan supports the 2-way conversion plan, with implementation to include a dedicated turn-through lane on eastbound RSD at Seaman and any needed signal timing adjustments at RSD and at Dyckman to ensure that the conversion does not interfere with traffic flow on RSD; further, be it resolved that.

**Resolved:** Community Board 12, Manhattan, calls on DOT to make periodic observations and reports to the community board of the 2-way conversion to ensure that traffic flow in the surrounding area is not negatively impacted.

Sincerely,



Eleazar Bueno  
Chairperson

cc: Hon. Eric C. Adams  
Hon. Mark Levine, Manhattan Borough President  
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