



Community Board 12 - Manhattan Washington Heights & Inwood

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March 30, 2015

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

Dr. Feniosky Pena-Mora
Commissioner
NYC Department of Design & Construction
30-30 Thomson Avenue
LIC, NY 11101

Dear Commissioners Trottenberg & Pena-Mora:

At our General Meeting on Tuesday, March 24, 2015, the Community Board 12 Manhattan passed the following resolution with a vote of (28)Favor (0)Opposed (0)Abstain supporting the proposed second phase of upgrading the NYPH/CUMC streetscape.

Whereas: New York Presbyterian Hospital (NYPH) and Columbia University Medical Center (CUMC) jointly play a central role in the Washington Heights and general NYC community as a healthcare provider and educational center; and

Whereas: NYPH and CUMC would like to provide a more attractive streetscape and sidewalk presentation for community residents and visitors to the area; and

Whereas: NYPH and CUMC have worked together with DOT and DDC in order to create a proposal for ways to enhance the beautification of the area and in addition to provide greater safety for pedestrians; and

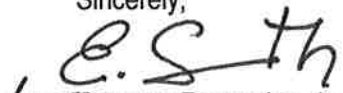
Whereas: CUMC presented an initial "Phase #1" in September 2014 for the upgrade to the streetscape which begins near the 168th Street subway station, referred to as the "gateway" to the campus; and

Whereas: NYPH presented "Phase #2" this month with sidewalk improvements on Ft. Washington Ave. between W165th St. and W168th St.

Whereas: Elements of the upgrade include planters, enhanced curbs, additional trees and benches; now therefore be it

Resolved: CB12M supports the proposed second phase of upgrading the NYPH/CUMC streetscape.

Sincerely,


George Fernandez, Jr.
Chairman - CB12 M

c: Hon. Bill de Blasio, Mayor
Hon. Letitia James, Public Advocate
Hon. Scott Stringer, Comptroller
Hon. Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President
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Margaret Forgione, Man. Boro Commissioner - DOT



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Dear Commissioner Trottenberg:

At our General Meeting on Tuesday, March 24, 2015, the Community Board 12 Manhattan passed the following resolution with a vote of (27)Favor (0)Opposed (0)Abstain (1)supporting the overall proposal and installation of bicycle access to the High Bridge and additional pedestrian safety measures both on Edgecombe Ave. and W158 and W159th Streets and (2) urging DOT to consider significantly shortening the proposed protected bike lanes on Edgecombe Ave. between 165th and 167th Streets so as to minimize the loss of parking to local residents or ideally replace all removed spaces resulting in no net loss to the community.

Whereas: The Highbridge connects Manhattan and the Bronx and has been closed since 1970; and

Whereas: The city has invested \$62M to restore the Highbridge and it is finally scheduled to reopen this summer; and

Whereas: Due to the anticipated reopening and influx of visitors to and from Manhattan – both on foot and especially on bike, DOT has proposed greater access to the bridge in the area south of 170th St. and to the nearby Greenway connections on both the West Side (at W158th St. and the GWB) and the East Side (at W155th St.); and

Whereas: Edgecombe Ave. has been designated as a new bike route for this project from W155th through W170th St. with the bulk of the street reducing the current 21' combined travel and parking lanes to 13' **shared** travel lanes in each direction for vehicles and bicycles (W155th-W165th) and a few blocks most adjacent to access the path in the park to the bridge (W170th-Jumel PI & W167th-W165th) designated with **two-way protected** bike lanes; and

Whereas: The plan also includes access to the GWB by creating **two-way protected** bike lanes across W170th – inclusive of cutting through Duarte Square and Greenway connections by creating **shared** lanes on stretches of W158th and W159th St.; and

Whereas: DOT will also enhance pedestrian safety by shortening crossings with markings and curb extensions at W158th St. & Broadway and W159th St. & Broadway as well as at W158th St., Riverside Dr. & Edward Morgan Place; and

Whereas: DOT approximates a total loss of twelve parking spots, fourteen of which are on Edgecombe between 165th and 167th Street; and

Whereas: Street parking in Manhattan is a commodity and not easy to come by, especially in an area which has a public school, a historical landmark, and a police precinct; now therefore be it

Resolved: Community Board 12M supports the overall proposal and installation of bicycle access to the High Bridge and additional pedestrian safety measures both on Edgecombe Ave. and W158 and W159th Streets; and be it further

Resolved: That CB12M urges DOT to consider significantly shortening the proposed protected bike lanes on Edgecombe Ave. between 165th and 167th Streets so as to minimize the loss of parking to local residents or ideally replace all removed spaces resulting in no net loss to the community.

We thank you for consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



for George Fernandez, Jr.
Chairman - CB12 M

c: Hon. Bill de Blasio, Mayor	Hon. Adriano Espaillat, State Senator
Hon. Letitia James, Public Advocate	Hon. Bill Perkins, State Senator
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Dear Commissioner Forgione:

At our General Meeting on Tuesday, March 24, 2015, the Community Board 12 Manhattan passed the following resolution with a vote of (27)Favor (0)Opposed (0)Abstain (1)Not Voting Community Board 12, Manhattan approving of the proposed temporary installation of "Shipwreck" in the plaza location designated at West 155th St. and Riverside Drive.

Whereas: DOT's Public Art Program presented a proposal for a new art installation within CB12 at West 155th St. and Riverside Drive, a location in the middle of a plaza overlooking the water of the Hudson River; and

Whereas: The artwork, entitled "Shipwreck" by artist Monserrat Daubon, is a 13 foot wood and bronze piece on a 7 ft by 7 ft footprint that features the prow of a ship with a female figurehead, similar to the carved decoration found often on the front of old ships; and

Whereas: The specific location runs at the border of CB9 and CB12 and it is unclear precisely which board's domain it falls under for support; and

Whereas: This would be a temporary installation, for approximately eleven months and is scheduled for the end of March 15'; now therefore be it

Resolved: That Community Board 12, Manhattan approves of the proposed temporary installation of "Shipwreck" in the plaza location designated at West 155th St. and Riverside Drive.

Sincerely,


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Dear Commissioner Forgione:

At our General Meeting on Tuesday, March 24, 2015, the Community Board 12 Manhattan passed the following resolution with a vote of (28)Favor (0)Opposed (0)Abstain the supporting designation of a Neighborhood Slow Zone in the area between W179th Street and W192nd Street between Broadway and Cabrini Boulevard and supporting the installation of the proposed crosswalk at Bennett Ave. and W190th St. exit from the A train.

Whereas: DOT has introduced a city-wide Neighborhood Slow Zone program in order to apply various traffic slowing techniques to targeted areas; and

Whereas: CB12M has an ongoing commitment to the safety of neighborhood residents as demonstrated by the resolution supporting the installation of Manhattan's first slow zone which occurred in June 2012 during the project's first round and we are now in the project's second round of proposed areas; and

Whereas: The Neighborhood Slow Zone program targets low technology slowing/safety improvements in limited and definable areas that have streets not appropriate for fast and/or through traffic; and

Whereas: A neighborhood slow zone is announced with signage and gateways, has self enforcing via speed bumps, has narrowed roadways at key points, has daylighting at entry points to the sector in order to create better sightlines for pedestrians; and has 20 mph markings to remind drivers to slow down; and

Whereas: Findings show that slow zones provide 10-15% reductions in speeds, 14% overall reduction in crashes and injuries, 31% reduction in vehicle injuries; and

Whereas: The proposed area has seen one pedestrian severely injured and four vehicle occupants severely injured over the last four years, and one fatality within the last eight years, and

Whereas: There has been substantial outreach through multiple meetings and individual contacts throughout the proposal eligibility and approval process for the proposed Neighborhood Slow Zone; and

Whereas: Selection criteria in this proposed zone, consistent with DOT's criteria for Neighborhood Slow Zone designation, include: strong boundaries (busy, commercial streets, parks, dead end streets); highly residential character; three schools; three Daycare and Pre K centers; one senior center; three nearby subway stops; an average of 11 traffic-related injuries per year; numerous letters of support from residents, organizations, and elected officials; and

Whereas: The process of review and approval by NYCDOT has included numerous determinations as well as reviews by other NYC agencies; and

Whereas: NYCDOT has reviewed, improved, and approved a proposed Neighborhood Slow Zone consisting of the areas between 179th Street and 192nd Street between Broadway and Cabrini Boulevard – an area that comes to .22 square miles; and

Whereas: The zone plan includes: 20 proposed speed bumps (including four existing ones), 24 proposed entrance gateways, eleven 20 mph markings, and may include refinements and additions to these components; and

Whereas: No speed bumps will be placed on bus routes inclusive of Broadway and Ft. Washington Ave.; and

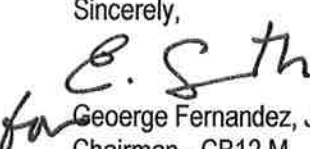
Whereas: Due to the innovation, review and improvements made to previous slow zones, no street parking would be lost in the proposed area; and

Whereas: As part of this project, DOT has added a bonus to the community in that of a new high visibility crosswalk located on Bennett Avenue between Broadway and West 192nd St. outside the A train stop at W. 190th St. that would include a new stop sign, ADA accessible pedestrian ramps with tactile warning strips, and the removal of 3 parking spots on the east side of the street and one parking spot on the west side of the street in order to facilitate proper installation of the crosswalk; now therefore be it

Resolved: CB12M supports the designation of a Neighborhood Slow Zone in the area between W179th Street and W192nd Street between Broadway and Cabrini Boulevard; highly commends DOT for its thorough review of the proposal and analysis of neighborhood needs; asks DOT to implement this proposal in the current FY; and be it further

Resolved: CB12M supports the installation of the proposed crosswalk at Bennett Ave. and W190th St. exit from the A train and asks that DOT do its due diligence to complete the project with the minimum amount of loss to street parking

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