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May 27, 2020

Edward Pincar Jr.
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
Department of Transportation
55 Water Street
New York, NY 10041

Dear Commissioner Pincar:

At its Full Board meeting May 21, 2020, Community Board #2, adopted the following resolution:

Resolution requesting a temporary extension of the bicycle lane on 6th Ave. (Ave. of the Americas) from 8th St./Greenwich Ave. to Canal St. during the novel coronavirus pandemic.

Whereas during the coronavirus pandemic, NYC's essential workers are cycling as a safe and healthy way to reach work, and the number of cyclists is steadily increasing; and

Whereas Community Board 2 Manhattan (CB2) passed a resolution in April 2020 asking for immediate, temporary bike lanes to provide safe passage for our essential workers; and

Whereas 6th Ave. (Ave. of the Americas) can provide an important link from downtown up to midtown and then connecting to Central Park and reaching 110th Street; and

Whereas there is a northbound bike lane on Church St. that connects to 6th Ave. at Franklin St. and continues up the east side of 6th Ave. to Canal St., there's a protected bike lane on the west side of 6th Ave. from Greenwich Ave./8th St. to 36th St., and the NYC Dept. of Transportation (DOT) is completing the 6th Avenue parking protected bike lane from 36th to 59th Street. A protected bike lane extension from Canal St. to Greenwich Avenue/8th Street would provide a much-needed continuous direct route from downtown to uptown; and

Whereas buses turn left onto Watts St. on the west side of 6th Ave.; and

Whereas there is a fire station on the west side of 6th Ave. and Houston St.; and

Whereas there are examples in NYC of protected bike lanes switching street sides; and

Whereas there is excessive speeding on 6th Ave. from Canal St. to 8th St., which one less travel lane would alleviate;

Therefore be it resolved that CB2 requests that DOT install a temporary protected bike lane on the east side of 6th Ave. from Canal St. up to either Dominick St., Houston St. or W. 3rd St., at which point the bike lane would continue up the west side of 6th Ave. and connect to the protected bike lane beginning at Greenwich Ave./8th St.

Vote: Unanimous, with 47 Board Members in favor

Please advise us of any decision or action taken in response to this resolution.

Sincerely,



Carter Booth, Chair
Community Board #2, Manhattan



Shirley Secunda, Chair
Traffic & Transportation Committee
Community Board #2, Manhattan

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c: Hon. Jerrold L. Nadler, Congressman
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April 22, 2024

Edward Pincar Jr.
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
NYC Department of Transportation
59 Maiden Lane
New York, NY 10038

Honorable Commissioner Pincar:

At its Full Board meeting on April 19, 2024, Community Board #2, adopted the following resolution:

Resolution calling for a parking protected bike lane on 6th Ave. (Ave. of the Americas) from Bleecker St. to Greenwich Ave./W. 8th St. connecting to the 6th Ave. parking protected bike lane that begins at Greenwich Ave./W. 8th St.

Whereas after installing the parking protected bike lane (PBL) on 6th Ave, from W. 8th St. to W. 34th St. in 2016, the NYC Dept of Transportation (DOT) stated that the second part of the 6th Ave. protected bike lane extending south would begin in 2017; and

Whereas Community Board 2 Manhattan (CB2) passed a resolution in July 2017 that included a request to construct that anticipated PBL from Canal St. to Greenwich Ave./W. 8th St. and has continued to repeat this request, including in CB2's annual Expense Budget Priorities; and

Whereas the 6th Ave. PBL was extended uptown to W. 59th St. in 2020, but no equivalent (and needed) extension was made downtown; and

Whereas at a recent CB2 meeting, Council Member Erik Bottcher's office noted that they are campaigning to extend the 6th Ave. bike lane down to Lispenard St. (south of Canal St.), while the DOT representative indicated that their bike team is working on a proposal to extend the bike lane also from Lispenard to Greenwich Ave./W. 8th St., which they're looking to share with CB2 in the near future, but they are not yet ready; and

Whereas congestion pricing will begin soon, which could translate into less traffic and faster driving speeds, so time is of the essence; and

Whereas 6th Ave. south of Greenwich Ave. is currently milled and scheduled to be repaved and repainted in the next 60 days, and a PBL can be created with paint and flex posts, presenting an opportunity to install such a PBL to provide needed protection now on a vulnerable stretch of 6th Ave. that sorely needs it, while plans for extending the bike lane all the way down to Lispenard St. (beyond Canal St.) are being completed; and

Whereas W. 3rd St. is a critical crosstown connection and dead ends at 6th Ave.; and

Whereas there is significant bike traffic on this shorter stretch of 6th Ave, leading into the protected bike lane that starts at Greenwich Ave./W. 8th St.; and

Whereas 6th Avenue on this stretch is wide and dangerous and over the past five years has been the site of eight pedestrian collisions and injuries and nine biking collisions and 10 injuries, including one pedestrian, and PBL's have proven to make a street safer for cyclists and pedestrians by narrowing the roadbed, calming traffic, and creating shorter crossing distances; and

Whereas when studying the bicycle map from W. 3rd St. to Greenwich Ave./W. 8th St, CB2 noticed an important connection at Bleecker St. and a chance to create a critical link connecting two crosstown bike lanes and one of the busiest Citibike stations in the area adjacent to Father Demo Sq.

Therefore be it resolved that CB2 calls on DOT to use this window of opportunity to expedite the installation of a parking protected bike lane on 6th Ave. from Bleecker St. to Greenwich Ave./W. 8th St., defined with paint and flex posts with plans to install concrete islands later, in advance of the expected completion of the bike lane's extension to Lispenard St.

Vote: Unanimous, with 32 Board members in favor.

Please advise us of any decision or action taken in response to this resolution.

Sincerely,



Susan Kent, Chair
Community Board #2, Manhattan



Shirley Secunda, Chair
Traffic & Transportation Committee
Community Board #2, Manhattan

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cc: Hon. Mark Levine, Manhattan Borough President
Hon. Christopher Marte, NYC Council Member, 1st District
Hon. Erik Bottcher, NYC Council Member, 3rd District

Hon. Dan Goldman, U.S. Representative, New York 10th District
Hon. Brian Kavanagh, NYS Senator, 27th District
Hon. Deborah Glick, NYS Assembly Member, 66th District