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March 25, 2026

Hon. Danielle Zuckerman
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
NYC Department of Transportation
59 Maiden Lane, 37th Floor
New York, NY 10038-4643

Honorable Borough Commissioner Zuckerman:

At its Full Board meeting of Community Board 2/Manhattan on March 19, 2026, CB2M adopted the following resolution.

Resolution in Support of Applying Sammy's Law to Manhattan Community Board 2 District and the Entire Congestion Pricing Zone

Whereas:

1. Sammy's Law, enacted in 2024, granted New York City the authority to reduce speed limits to 20 mph on individual streets and within defined geographic zones, following notice and a 60-day advisory comment period to community boards;¹
2. It has been proven that lower speeds, specifically speeds set at 20 mph radically improve the odds that a pedestrian hit by a car will survive. According to the US Dept. of Transportation, every 1 mph reduction in speed results in 5% reduction in crashes.² At lower speeds, drivers have more time to react, stopping distances are shorter, therefore survivability in a crash increases dramatically. Lower speeds also dramatically increase a driver's field of vision;

¹ <https://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/pr2024/sammys-law-enactment.shtml>

² https://highways.dot.gov/sites/fhwa.dot.gov/files/Safe_System_Approach_for_Speed_Management.pdf

3. In Manhattan Community Board 2 (CB2) alone, in 2025, there were 945 crashes resulting in 462 injuries (171 cyclists, 110 pedestrians, 172 motorists, 9 unknown) and 2 deaths;
4. CB2 is a dense neighborhood with high pedestrian counts. In particular, Greenwich Village, SoHo and the Meatpacking District attract a large number of daily visitors;
5. So far, implementation of Sammy's Law has been slow and piecemeal and in CB2 only one small area in the West Village has been designated a slow zone;
6. Automated speed camera enforcement only issues a ticket for speeds exceeding 10 mph over the speed limit. Therefore, in a 20 mph zone, cameras would not trigger until a vehicle is traveling 31 mph; and,
7. CB2 believes that applying Sammy's Law to the entire congestion pricing zone would provide the clearest boundary for drivers who are generally aware when they are crossing into and out of the congestion pricing zone.
8. The city recently pledged to implement a 15 mph speed limit at all applicable school streets.

Therefore it is resolved that Manhattan Community Board 2 requests that NYC Department of Transportation:

1. Begins the notice process to designate the entire Community Board 2 district a slow zone at 20 mph, except for school streets which will be set at 15 mph, and provides CB2 with a timeline for implementation, including the time needed to update signal timing to create a "green wave" at 20 mph; and,
2. Furthermore, to decrease driver confusion, designate the entire congestion pricing zone as a slow zone with 20 mph speed limits.

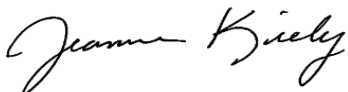
Vote: Unanimous, with 33 Board Members in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



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