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Honorable Deputy Commissioner Sta. Ines:

At its Full Board meeting on April 17, 2025, Community Board #2, Manhattan adopted the following resolution:

Resolution in support of expanding the two-way bike lane on Lafayette Street from Prince Street to Astor Place, widening the entire two-way bike lane to ten feet, painting the bike lane on Broadway and studying other ways to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety on Lafayette Street.

Whereas CB2 member Jeannine Kiely presented a proposal to expand the two-way bike lane on Lafayette Street and paint the bike lane on Broadway to improve cyclist and pedestrian safety and better connect cyclists to the existing bike lane network; and

Whereas the proposed improvements address existing conditions including the lack of a bike lane on Broadway south of Bleecker Street and limited space to add one on Broadway where current use includes commercial deliveries using curb lanes on both the east and west sides of Broadway, leaving two lanes of traffic – a dedicated bus lane and a second lane for all moving vehicles; and

Whereas this would allow southbound cyclists on Broadway to turn east onto bike lanes on West 4th Street or Bleecker Street and allow northbound cyclists to turn west onto bike lanes on Prince Street or Great Jones Street; and

Whereas in March 2024, the NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) authorized e-cargo bikes up to 48 inches or four feet wide; and

Whereas currently the DOT has many programs to improve pedestrian safety at intersections but none mid-block, despite the city's legalization of jaywalking in 2024; and

Whereas current conditions include:

- A seven-foot-wide, two-way bike lane on Lafayette Street from Prince Street to Spring Street where the bike lane splits around Petrosino Square to a southbound lane on Lafayette Street and a northbound lane on Centre Street.
- A six-foot-wide northbound bike lane on Lafayette Street, north of Prince Street, with a painted barrier between the bike lane and parked cars – three feet wide from Prince Street to Bond Street, expanding to six feet wide from Bond Street to Great Jones Street and finally to seven feet wide north of Great Jones Street.
- Wide streets – Lafayette Street is 80 feet wide from Spring Street north to Great Jones Street and expands to 100 feet from Great Jones Street to Astor Place, the same 100-foot width on Sixth Avenue while Broadway is 80 feet wide from Spring Street to Astor Place.; and

Whereas proposed improvements include:

- Extend the two-way bike lane on Lafayette Street from Prince Street to Astor Place and widen it to 10 feet, similar to the bike lane completed on Sixth Avenue in 2024.
- Widen the existing two-way bike lane on Lafayette Street between Prince and Spring streets, from seven to 10 feet.
- Study ways to improve cyclist and pedestrian safety block by block on Lafayette Street from Spring Street to Astor Place, both at intersections and mid-block, given the high and increasing pedestrian traffic from destination retail and street-side truck, cart, e-cargo bike and e-bike deliveries.
- Paint the existing bike lane on Broadway, north of Bleecker Street to 14th Street.; and

Whereas community members supported this proposal with one citing concerns south of Spring Street and another asking for when the DOT will move forward with their study of Petrosino Square and CB2’s request to move the Citibike rack from Petrosino Square to the east side of Lafayette Street, north of Spring Street;

Therefore be it resolved that CB2 strongly supports the proposal to extend the two-way bike lane on Lafayette Street from Prince Street to Astor Place; and

Be it further resolved that CB2 requests a ten-foot wide, two-way bike lane from Spring Street to Astor Place to accommodate two-way bike traffic and wider e-cargo bikes; and

Be it further resolved that CB2 recommends that the DOT study ways to improve cyclist and pedestrian safety block by block on Lafayette Street from Spring Street to Astor Place, both at intersections and mid-block; and

Be it further resolved that CB2 urges the DOT to expeditiously paint the existing bike line on Broadway from Bleecker Street to West 14th Street; and,

Be it finally resolved that CB2 insists the DOT move forward with the funded study of Petrosino Square and CB2’s recommendation to move the Citibike rack off of park space in Petrosino Square onto the east side of Lafayette Street, north of Spring Street.

Vote: Unanimous, with 35 Board members in favor.

We respectfully request that your agency take action consistent with the positions expressed in the above.

Sincerely,



Valerie De La Rosa, Chair
Community Board #2, Manhattan



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

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cc: Hon. Dan Goldman, U.S. Representative
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