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NYC Department of Transportation  
59 Maiden Lane, 37<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10037

Thomas Chan  
Chief of Transportation  
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New York, NY 10007

Robert Benfatto  
President  
Hudson Yards/Hell's Kitchen BID  
412 W. 42nd Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10036

**Re: Safety Enhancements for West 41<sup>st</sup> Street and Tenth Avenue**

Dear Commissioner Pincar, Chief Chan, and Mr. Benfatto,

Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) requests by a vote of 36 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining and 0 present but not eligible to vote that safety enhancements be implemented as soon as possible at the dangerous corner of West 41<sup>st</sup> Street and Tenth Avenue, where two lanes of tunnel-bound traffic turn right in the path of 500 school children entering and exiting Success Academy. We thank City Council Speaker, Corey Johnson, who organized a visit on-site and all the agencies who attended the meeting, including the NYC Department of Transportation (DOT).

This intersection is complex and extremely dangerous with vehicles of all sizes turning into the tunnel access or out of the tunnel conflicting with parents and school children crossing the streets. Because of the large volume of vehicles and the generous green time, vehicles constantly spill over at the intersection and obstruct

the pedestrian right of way in the crosswalks. Further, the DOT has indicated that 79% of vehicles speed on Tenth Avenue.

In the past few years a no-turn sign had been in place from Tenth Avenue to West 41<sup>st</sup> Street. This sign has been removed over MCB4's objections in anticipation of this exact situation.

A very tall residential high rise has been erected on this block with hundreds of residents. Success Academy recently located one of its schools at the southwest corner of Tenth Avenue and West 41<sup>st</sup> Street in the same building.

Based on the site visit, discussion with DOT, the representatives of the parents and the residents, a number of possible solutions were outlined:

- Install a full split phase on Tenth Avenue to protect the west crosswalk on West 41<sup>st</sup> Street at Tenth Avenue
- Convert the split LPI on the east side of West 41<sup>st</sup> Street into a full split phase to protect the north crosswalk on Tenth Avenue at West 41<sup>st</sup> Street
- Add school signage
- Accelerate the change in signals to reduce speeding and ensure drivers comply with the 25 mph speed limit
- Accelerate the installation of the Tenth Avenue bike lane from 34<sup>th</sup> Street up to 50<sup>th</sup> Street (with concrete islands and trees to protect the children).

We also suggest that green time for through traffic at westbound 41<sup>st</sup> Street and southbound Tenth Avenue at 40<sup>th</sup> Street be reduced to prevent the chronic spillover at West 41<sup>st</sup> Street and Tenth Avenue, which makes the crosswalks impassable.

We encourage the school to work with the Hudson Yards/Hell's Kitchen Alliance Business Improvement District to explore what greening treatments can be applied to Tenth Avenue and both sides of the 41<sup>st</sup> Street sidewalks to protect against vehicular encroachments on the sidewalks, while aggressively turning.

We further request that NYPD add enforcement officers to curb drivers' lawlessness at this intersection.

It was suggested that the school add banners and flags to alert everyone of their presence.

We appreciate your prompt attention to addressing these dangerous conditions as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



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Petitioners