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Polly Trottenberg  
Commissioner  
NYC Department of Transportation  
55 Water Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10004

**Re: Safety Improvements on Eighth Avenue**

Dear Commissioner Trottenberg,

We at Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) are saddened by the death of yet another cyclist in our district. This week, a cyclist was killed at the south west corner of West 45<sup>th</sup> Street and Eighth Avenue. While the specific circumstances of his death are still being investigated by the NYPD Collision Investigation Unit, we know this intersection to be dangerous as drivers use West 45<sup>th</sup> Street as a preferred route to the West Side Highway.

There were three injuries at this intersection in the last three years. Cyclists have pointed out that it is a difficult section on the Eighth Avenue bike lane because of conflicts with turning cars in the mixing zone and numerous conflicts with pedestrians. Last May, a cyclist was hospitalized after being pushed by a pedestrian while traveling in the Eighth Avenue bike lane in the immediate vicinity of this crash.

You have indicated that a study of Eighth Avenue from West 34<sup>th</sup> to West 47<sup>th</sup> Streets is underway and should be completed in 2019. We ask you to accelerate this study in order to improve the design of the corridor as soon as possible.

At its February 6<sup>th</sup> Full Board meeting, MCB4 requests by a vote of 33 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining and 0 present but not eligible to vote, that you modify the signals at this intersection and install a delayed turn as soon as feasible.

Sincerely,



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