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Ed Pincar  
Manhattan Borough Commissioner  
NYC Department of Transportation  
59 Maiden Lane, 37<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10037

Kevin J. Coleman  
Commanding Officer/Captain  
NYPD 10th Precinct  
230 W. 20<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10011

**Re: 25<sup>th</sup> Street and Seventh Avenue – Neck Down**

Dear Borough Commissioner Pincar and Captain Coleman,

Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) at its June 5, 2019 Full Board meeting, by a vote of 45 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining and 0 present but not eligible to vote, requested that a neck down be installed at the west corner of Seventh Avenue and 25<sup>th</sup> Street, on 25<sup>th</sup> Street, to make the west crossing safer for pedestrians. We also ask the Department of Transportation to investigate the feasibility of changing the “No Turn” sign to a “No Turn for Trucks and Buses” sign.

In spite of a pedestrian death at this intersection in August 2017, safety improvements have yet to be installed. The addition of a long-distance bus stop on Seventh Avenue at West 26<sup>th</sup> Street has significantly increased the risk of conflicts between a bus and a pedestrian or cyclist. One of these buses killed a bicyclist on 26<sup>th</sup> Street two years ago. A neck down would slow down the turning traffic and reduce the crossing length for pedestrians.

A few neighbors have complained that the “No Turn” sign, which is essentially aimed at trucks and buses, is causing them to make significant detours to reach their garages or pick-up areas. NYPD enforcement properly tickets all turning vehicles without distinction of destination. The “No Turn” sign was installed as a means of mitigation when West 25<sup>th</sup> Street was closed to traffic between Seventh and Eighth Avenues. The sign was taken down during a construction and

reinstated last year. We ask the Department of Transportation again to investigate whether a “No Turn for Buses and Trucks” sign could replace the “No Turn” sign that is currently installed.

Sincerely,



Burt Lazarin  
Chair  
Manhattan Community Board 4



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Cc: Brian Mattlin, 25<sup>th</sup> Street Resident