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Re: Safety Concerns at the 42nd Street and Dyer Avenue Pedestrian Crossing

Dear Executive Director Cotton and Borough Commissioner Pincar,

Manhattan Community Board Four (MCB4) asks your coordinated assistance in resolving the dangerous conditions for pedestrians at the T-intersection of Dyer Avenue and 42nd Street. Currently, the intersection has three lanes for drivers exiting Dyer Avenue to make either left or right turns, and one contraflow lane for buses to make right turns onto Dyer Avenue. Pedestrians must therefore face three conditions across four lanes; drivers exiting the tunnel often fail to adjust to city regulations such as the 25mph speed limit, pedestrian rights-of-way, and no turn on red.

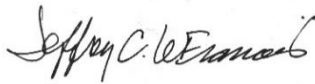
We heard from residents of MIMA, a 900-unit residential building. Several have suffered injuries while crossing the intersection. There is also a 41-story residential building on the SE corner, and theatres on both sides of Dyer Avenue. 42nd Street is one of the most highly trafficked pedestrian corridors in our district.

MCB4 at its July 27th Full Board meeting, voted by 39 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, and 0 present but not eligible to vote, to ask you to consider any and all of the following solutions:

- Divert eastbound traffic to West 40th Street and/or divert westbound traffic to West 41st Street. Doing both would allow for a plaza to be created between 41st and 42nd Streets on Dyer Avenue, with one contraflow lane for buses.
- Extend the bus lane markings on West 42nd Street to Dyer Avenue and reduce the number of lanes turning east to one on Dyer Avenue, to match the capacity on West 42nd Street.
- Review and adjust signal timing to provide pedestrians with more time for crossing, up to and including the option of a Barnes Dance configuration.

Thank you for your continued cooperation as we seek to make our district safe for both residents and visitors.


Sincerely,



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