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Margaret Forgione  
Borough Commissioner  
NYC Department of Transportation  
45 Worth Street  
NY, NY 10038

**Re: Traffic Light at the Intersection of West 14<sup>th</sup> Street and Washington Street.**

Dear Commissioner Forgione:

Manhattan Community Board 4 supports Community Board 2's request for the NYC Department of Transportation to install traffic signals at the intersection of West 14<sup>th</sup> Street and Washington Street as soon as possible.

This area has become a shopper's destination, hence the increase in automotive traffic flow. Originally designed for low speed vehicles and trucks loading and unloading, the current configuration of this portion of 14<sup>th</sup> Street makes it dangerous for pedestrians to cross either Washington Street or 14<sup>th</sup> Street itself. Cars and pedestrians often do not have a clear line of sight as they approach this crossing, especially as the cars are speeding while coming west from Ninth Avenue.

Community Board 4 supports this installation provided that the traffic signal includes turn arrows with red and green phases, in both directions on 14<sup>th</sup> Street, insuring that pedestrians have a dedicated time to cross Washington Street without vehicle-pedestrian conflicts. Such a turning arrow will allow the "normal" green light cycle to be as long as necessary to prevent car back ups that could impact the new right turning lane on Ninth Avenue.

Sincerely,

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