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

Re: Safe Route to School - speed hump on West 45th Street between Tenth and Eleventh Avenues

Dear Commissioner Forgione:

Manhattan Community Board 4 is grateful to the Department of Transportation of its commitment to address the safety issues near elementary school PS 51. DOT representatives attended two site visits and observed the terribly dangerous conditions created by the combination of the very large Hess Station configuration and the high volume of taxis on this school block.

Manhattan Community Board 4 requests the installation of a speed hump before the school on West 45th Street between 10th and 11th Avenue.

This is in addition to the following list of changes that we understand have already been initiated by DOT's School Safety Division within the vicinity of PS 51:

1. Install three advanced school signs at the signalized intersection of Tenth Avenue and West 45 Street: one on the east leg and two on the south leg;
2. At the intersection of Eleventh Avenue and West 45th Street, relocate the advance school sign on the east leg to a new location just before the school building. Two additional signs with downward arrows will also be installed in the north and south direction;
3. The "Truck Loading/Unloading" parking regulation in front of the school's main entrance will be changed to "No Standing 7AM-4PM School Days";
4. School crossing message markings will be installed on the roadway at Eleventh Avenue and West 45th Street, and we will reset the stop line to ten feet from the

crosswalks at all intersections. We understand you have requested the markings to be done ASAP.

We would also appreciate your assistance in clarifying the appropriateness and legality of the Hess curb cuts placement on the west side of Tenth Avenue less than one foot away from the pedestrian crossing at the south of Tenth Avenue and 45th Street.

Sincerely,



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