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Commissioner Janette Sadik-Khan
Department of Transportation
40 Worth Street, 10th Floor
New York, NY 10013

Re: Accesible Pedestrian Signals (APS)

Dear Commissioner Sadik-Kahn:

Manhattan Community Board 4 urges the Department of Transportation to comply with U.S. Access Board Guidelines requiring upgrading of pedestrian signals at any intersection that is renovated for any purpose.

The installation of Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS) significantly improves the safety of many people including seniors, and people who are physically or cognitively disabled.

Upgrading of the signals along the blocks with bike lanes to those that provide WALK information in tactile and audible formats is essential where conventional vehicle turning patterns and lane uses are altered.

Title II of the Access Board Guidelines requires all new construction be accessible [section 35.151]. That includes pedestrian signals and the buttons that activate them. The Technical Provisions are in the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) at section 4E.06.

Sincerely,

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