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June 16, 2017

Polly Trottenberg
Commissioner
Department of Transportation
55 Water St.
New York NY, 10041

Re: Intro 1177 -2016 Barnes Dance Study

Manhattan Community Board 4 (CB4) requests that the Department of Transportation (DOT) study the following three intersections for Barnes Dance signals as part of a newly enacted Local Law 1177-2016.

1. West 42nd Street and 8th Avenue
2. West 42nd Street and 9th Avenue
3. West 57th Street and 10th Avenue

This law requires the DOT to report on the feasibility of implementing Barnes Dances pedestrian interval crossing systems at the 25 highest crash intersections.

CB4 has long been in favor of separating pedestrians from turning vehicles, a configuration that accounts for 25% of all pedestrian deaths or injuries.

There are 10 intersections in Community District 4 that are classified as priority by the Vision Zero Pedestrian action plan. Our elected officials have written to you asking that all of them be studied and equipped with fully protected crossings. The three intersections above are among the 25 most dangerous intersections according to the Vision Zero Pedestrian Action Plan.

We applaud our elected officials for passing Law 1177-2016 and we thank you for your continuous commitment to street safety.

Sincerely,

Delores Rubin
Chair
Community Board 4

Christine Berthet
Co-Chair, Transportation
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Yoni Bokser
Co-Chair, Transportation
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cc: Luis Sanchez, Manhattan Borough Commissioner, NYC DOT
Colleen Chattergoon, NYC DOT
Hon. Corey Johnson, City Council

Hon. Helen Rosenthal, City Council



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POLLY TROTTEMBERG, Commissioner

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Ms. Delores Rubin, Chair
Manhattan Community Board 4
330 West 42nd Street, 26th Floor
New York, NY 10036

Dear Chair Rubin:

Thank you for your June 16, 2017 correspondence requesting the Department of Transportation (DOT) study three locations within Manhattan Community Board 4 for the installation of "Barnes Dance signals".

As required by the newly-enacted Local Law 92 of 2017, DOT is required to prepare a report regarding the feasibility of implementing Barnes dance pedestrian interval crossing systems at high-crash intersections, rather than at "25 highest crash locations", which you stated in your letter.

I am happy to report that one of the locations you requested, West 42nd Street and 8th Avenue, has been included in the report as one of the study's intersections. DOT will make this report publically available once it has been finalized. I have asked DOT's Manhattan Borough Commissioner Luis Sanchez to be available to answer any further questions.

Thank you for your interest in transportation issues in your Community District.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Polly Trottenberg".

Polly Trottenberg
Commissioner

cc: Borough Commissioner Luis Sanchez