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Luis Sanchez
Acting Manhattan Borough Commissioner
NYC Department of Transportation
59 Maiden Lane, 37th Floor
New York, NY 10038

Re: Pedestrian Crossing at 56th Street and 12th Avenue

Dear Acting Commissioner Sanchez,

Manhattan Community Board 4 (CB4) requests that the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) study the feasibility of installing a signalized pedestrian crossing on 56th Street, on the east side of 12th Avenue.

With the large influx of residents in this part of our district, the street network needs to be upgraded to safely accommodate pedestrians. Large residential buildings with thousands of residents are either built or in construction and a very nice park have opened on Riverside South attracting families and children from all over the neighboring streets.

A traffic light and a red turn arrow (split phase) at 56th Street already control the southbound traffic on the West Side highway, however the 56th Street crossing is lacking a pedestrian signal and high visibility markings to make it clear when and where pedestrians should cross.

With this route becoming more popular to access the park north of it, we ask that you study the feasibility of installing pedestrian signals and high visibility marking on 56th street, east of the 12th Avenue. A blinking turn arrow may also be necessary to slow down the northbound vehicles turning east at 56th Street.

Sincerely,

Delores Rubin
Chair

Christine Berthet
Co-Chair, Transportation
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Yoni Bokser
Co-Chair, Transportation
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CC: Hon. Linda Rosenthal, Assembly Member
Hon. Helen Rosenthal, City Council