



June 17, 2013

Nicholas Viest
Chair, Community Board 8
505 Park Avenue Suite 620
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Dear Mr. Viest:

Thank you for your letter of May 29th concerning the proposed sidewalk extension on Second Avenue between 69th and 70th Streets. In your letter you explained that residents are concerned about the impact of the proposed sidewalk extension on traffic flow after the Second Avenue Subway construction is complete.

As you are aware, the MTA requested that this sidewalk be extended to accommodate the station entrance when it was determined that it could not be placed within the building. We believe this extension is feasible. The extension will take the place of the parking lane on the east side of Second Avenue for this one block.

Please be advised that the configuration of Second Avenue, upon the completion of construction, has yet to be finalized. The curb lines that the MTA will construct allow for the inclusion of either a buffered bicycle lane with three motor vehicle travel lanes, or four travel lanes. The final configuration will be based on assessment of travel demand and mode use.

Please be assured that we plan to have further discussions with Community Board 8 in late 2014 to review these issues with you. We fully intend to involve the Community Board and other stakeholders as decisions on the street design are being considered. Thank you for writing concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

Margaret Forgione
Borough Commissioner

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