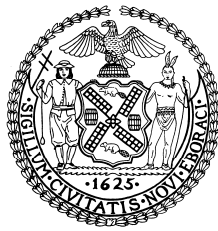


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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

September 24, 2013

Margaret Forgione
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
NYC Department of Transportation
59 Maiden Lane, 35th Flr.
New York, NY 10038

Re: Pedestrian Safety Improvement Project-3rd Avenue Turnbays at East 79th and East 86th Streets

Dear Commissioner Forgione:

At the September 18, 2013 Full Board meeting, the board **APPROVED** the following resolution by a vote of 38 in favor, 1 opposed, 4 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause:

WHEREAS in the most recent five-year period there have been 78 injuries, including 18 pedestrian injuries, resulting from crashes at the intersections of East 79th Street & Third Avenue and East 86th Street & Third Avenue; and

WHEREAS the Department of Transportation is proposing to designate the left lane of Third Avenue as a left-turn only lane approaching East 79th Street and East 86th Street, with the adjacent lane designated for through traffic only; and

WHEREAS the Department of Transportation proposes to install painted neckdowns at the north-west corner of East 79th Street & Third Avenue, and at the north-west corner of East 86th Street & Third Avenue; and

WHEREAS neckdowns reduce crossing distances, increase pedestrian visibility, and decrease sidewalk overcrowding;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8 Manhattan approves the proposal to install turnbays on Third Avenue approaching East 79th and East 86th Streets, and to add painted pedestrian neckdowns at the northwest corner of each of these intersections; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Community Board 8M requests dedicated traffic enforcement for these two intersections for the first six weeks after installation.

Please advise this office of any action taken regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Viest
Chair

A. Scott Falk and Charles Warren
Co-Chairs, Transportation Committee

cc: Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor of the City of New York
Hon. Scott M. Stringer, Manhattan Borough President
Hon. Carolyn Maloney, United States Congress Member
Hon. Liz Krueger, New York State Senator
Hon. Dan Quart, New York State Assembly Member
Hon. Micah Kellner, New York State Assembly Member
Hon. Daniel Garodnick, New York City Council Member
Hon. Jessica Lappin, New York City Council Member