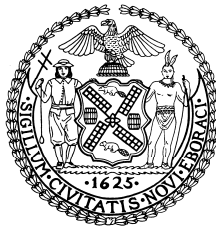


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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

November 2, 2015

Margaret Forgione
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
NYC Department of Transportation
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New York, NY 10038

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Re: Proposed pedestrian safety improvements for 63rd St & Third Ave; 66th St & Third Ave; 72nd St. & Third Ave; and 66th St. & Second Ave, including the following elements:

- a. Enlarge concrete islands at both 66th & Second Ave and 66th & Third Ave
- b. Install left-turn lanes on Third Ave at approaches to 63rd, 66th, & 72nd Sts
- c. Install neckdowns on the northwest corners of Third Ave & 63rd and Third Ave & 66th (pending Second Ave Subway construction work)

Dear Commissioner Forgione:

At the October 21, 2015 Full Board meeting, the board passed the following resolution to **approve** by a vote of 42 in favor, 1 opposed and 3 abstain:

WHEREAS Second and Third Avenues are Vision Zero priority areas; and

WHEREAS vehicles turning left from Third Avenue have injured pedestrians at 63rd Street and 66th Street; and

WHEREAS City Councilmember Dan Garodnick requested expanded concrete medians on 66th Street at both Second and Third Avenues; and

WHEREAS NYC DOT proposes several pedestrian safety improvements on Third Avenue, and at the intersections of 66th Street at Second and Third Avenues, including:

- Standardizing the width of all travel and parking lanes on Third Avenue to 10' wide (instead of the current 8' parking lane on the west side and 12' parking lane/bus stop lane on the east side of the avenue).
- Adding left-turn lanes on Third Avenue approaching 63rd, 66th, and 72nd Streets.
- Adding a right-turn bay on Third Avenue onto East 66th St. (for traffic turning east).
- Adding a pedestrian neckdown on the NW corner of 63rd & Third, pending completion of Second Avenue Subway construction at that location.
- Adding pedestrian neckdowns on the NW & NE corners of 66th & Third Avenue.
- Expanding the existing concrete medians on the east side of 66th & Third, and the west side of 66th & Second to reduce crossing distances and to reduce conflicts with turning vehicles; and

WHEREAS Community Board 8 Manhattan has previously listed E. 72nd Street & Third Avenue as a priority intersection for safety improvements; and

WHEREAS the proposed changes clarify traffic movements, calm traffic, reduce crossing distances, and add pedestrian space;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8 Manhattan approves DOT's proposed safety improvements on Third Avenue as well as on East 66th Street at both 3rd & 2nd Avenues, as presented; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Community Board 8 Manhattan urges DOT to add a pedestrian neckdown on the northwest corner of 72nd Street and Third Avenue.

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

Sincerely,

James G. Clynes
Chairman

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Co-Chairs, Transportation Committee

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