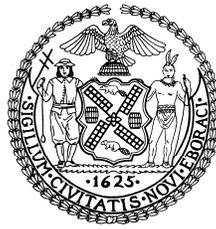


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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

December 16, 2015

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

Re: Preliminary discussion of the need for crosstown bike routes

Dear Commissioner Forgione:

At the November 18, 2015 Full Board meeting, the board passed the following resolution to **approve** by a vote of 32 in favor, 8 opposed, 6 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause:

WHEREAS Community Board 8 Manhattan passed the following resolution by a vote of 38-1 in October 2009:

WHEREAS, Manhattan Community Board 8 is concerned about the safety of all people who use our streets and sidewalks, and

WHEREAS, protected bike lanes have brought measurable safety improvements for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists in other neighborhoods in Manhattan,

WHEREAS, many members of the Upper East Side public, business community, and elected officials have all expressed support for protected bike lanes in petitions, surveys, letters and public testimony, and

WHEREAS, Manhattan Community Board 8 wishes to encourage safe, responsible cycling in to, to, and from this district,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board 8M supports the DOT's initiative to create protected bike lanes and requests that DOT prepare a study for a neighborhood bicycle network for Class 1 protected bike lanes (including information on projected impacts on pedestrian safety, bike safety, parking, truck traffic and neighborhood business) that would be subject to review and comment by Community Board 8M; and

WHEREAS the use of bicycles on the Upper East Side is increasing significantly; and

WHEREAS the City needs to significantly expand its public awareness efforts regarding bike safety and add resources to support greater bike safety in our community; and

WHEREAS there is a need for bicycle network connections to the Esplanade and Central Park, and across Central Park to the West Side, and a need for safe crosstown routes within our district;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8 Manhattan asks the NYC Dept. of Transportation to propose a network of painted crosstown bicycle lanes on the Upper East Side, to be implemented in the short-term; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Community Board 8 Manhattan asks the NYC Dept. of Transportation to propose for longer-term implementation a network of crosstown bicycle routes on the Upper East Side, using the safest appropriate design.

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

Sincerely,

James G. Clynes
Chairman

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

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Hon. Dan Quart, 73rd Assembly District
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