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The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan

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Edward Pincar
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
NYC Department of Transportation
59 Maiden Lane, 35th Floor
New York, NY 10038

RE: 79th Street/Madison Avenue Pedestrian Safety Improvements.

Dear Commissioner Pincar:

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on November 14, 2018, the board approved the following resolution by a vote of 37 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause:

WHEREAS a pedestrian was killed at the intersection of 79th Street and Madison Ave. in October 2018; and

WHEREAS a pedestrian was also killed at this same intersection in August 2014; and

WHEREAS vehicles in both incidents were turning left from Madison Ave. onto 79th Street; and

WHEREAS the intersection of 79th Street and Madison Avenue has a history of being a perilous intersection for pedestrians; and

WHEREAS New York City DOT has begun planning capital improvements for East 79th Street to improve pedestrian safety, but the project is not scheduled for construction until 2022;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8 requests New York City DOT develop concrete solutions to improve pedestrian safety for the intersection of Madison Ave. and 79th Street, including but not limited to signal timing changes, left turn signals, leading pedestrian intervals and sidewalk improvements;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that New York City DOT prioritize the intersection of Madison Avenue and 79th Street for improvements and address this intersection separately from the rest of the 79th Street Corridor so they can be implemented as soon as possible.

Please advise us of any action taken on this matter.

Sincerely,

Alida Camp (WB)
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Craig Lader and Charles Warren (WB)
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Co-Chairs, Transportation Committee

cc: Honorable Bill de Blasio, Mayor of the City of New York
Honorable Carolyn Maloney, 14th Congressional District Representative
Honorable Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President
Honorable Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 28th Senatorial District
Honorable Dan Quart, NYS Assembly Member, 73rd Assembly District
Honorable Rebecca Seawright, NYS Assembly Member 76th Assembly District
Honorable Ben Kallos, NYC Council Member, 5th Council District
Honorable Keith Powers, NYC Council Member, 4th Council District