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Polly Trottenberg  
Commissioner, NYC Department of Transportation  
55 Water Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, New York 10041

**RE: Discussion of safe & direct routes for pedestrians, cyclists and others through Central Park**

Dear Commissioner Trottenberg,

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on April 22, 2020, the board **APPROVED** the following resolution by a vote of 40 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

**WHEREAS;** the death of a cyclist in December 2019 on the 96th Street Transverse through Central Park brought attention to the lack of safe bike routes through Central Park, and  
**WHEREAS;** pedestrians who walk along the Central Park transverses face unsafe conditions, including uneven and broken sidewalks, poor lighting and insufficient snow and ice removal; and  
**WHEREAS;** Central Park's transverses provide a critical link for cyclists and pedestrians, especially when dark and during overnight hours when Central Park is closed; and  
**WHEREAS;** Community Board 7 has recently taken actions supporting cross-agency efforts to find solutions to addressing the need for safe passage through Central Park, which would be strengthened by similar action by Community Board 8;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Community Board 8 Manhattan requests that NYCDOT, Parks and the Central Park Conservancy develop solutions for providing safe passages through Central Park between the East and West sides by foot and by bike, and reports back to CB8 in an expedient manner;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Community Board 8 Manhattan requests that opportunities to convert existing transverse sidewalks into dedicated and separated bike and pedestrian pathways be investigated, and that any options devised don't impact existing vehicular access and bus operations;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Community Board 8 Manhattan requests that existing transverse sidewalks be upgraded in a short-term timeframe, including pavement repair, lighting and overall maintenance;

Sincerely,

*Alida Camp*  
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*Craig Lader and Charles Warren*  
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Co-Chairs, Transportation Committee

cc: Honorable Bill de Blasio, Mayor of the City of New York  
Honorable Carolyn Maloney, 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Representative  
Honorable Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President  
Honorable Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 28<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District  
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Honorable Ben Kallos, NYC Council Member, 5<sup>th</sup> Council District  
Honorable Keith Powers, NYC Council Member, 4<sup>th</sup> Council District