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**The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan**

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Edward F. Pincar
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
Department of Transportation
59 Maiden Lane, 37th Floor
New York, NY 10038

RE: Daylighting at Intersections

Dear Commissioner Pincar,

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on December 13, 2023, the board approved the following resolution by a vote of 31 in favor, 6 opposed, 1 abstention and 0 not voting for cause.

WHEREAS; daylighting has proven to be among the most impactful strategies used to improve pedestrian safety, as seen as cities such as Hoboken which has not had a single pedestrian fatality in the past 7 years; and

WHEREAS; New York State Law §1202 mandates Daylighting of intersections by restricting curbside parking within 20 feet of an intersection, except for in New York City which is exempted as a city with more than 1 million residents; and

WHEREAS; By permitting parking on streets up to the point where crosswalks are located, New York City traffic laws don't adhere to §1202, and in doing so creates a hazard for pedestrians that are not present elsewhere in New York State; and

WHEREAS; Publicly available crash data confirms that most injuries to pedestrians occur at intersections; and

WHEREAS; While New York City has implemented Vision Zero with the goal of eliminating traffic fatalities and reducing injuries to pedestrians, there continue to be an unacceptable amount of injuries and fatalities within Community District 8, which has been the location of 3 traffic fatalities and 546 injuries in the 12 months from November 1, 2022 to October 31, 2023, and 41 fatalities and over 5,500 injuries since 2014; and

WHEREAS; The use of curb extensions (also known as neckdowns) are a key element of daylighting that is already a NYCDOT best practices used to enhance visibility at intersections, calm traffic and force turning vehicles to reduce their speed; and

WHEREAS; full daylighting to a limited extent has already been incorporated into NYCDOT roadway improvement projects; and

WHEREAS; The timeframe and pace of improvements will not improve safety at most intersections with the immediacy that is needed to address high rates of injury and death, as the NYC law going into effect in 2025 will require NYCDOT to install daylighting at 100 intersections per year, a very small fraction of the 47,000 intersections present in New York City; and

WHEREAS; daylighting should be prioritized in locations where vulnerable pedestrian populations are present;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board 8 Manhattan requests that NYCDOT adhere to state law guidelines for daylighting of intersections that are applicable to all jurisdictions outside of New York City, and install curb extensions or daylighting at all intersections starting with those within a one-block radius of any school, senior center or facilities for persons with disabilities.

Please advise our office of any action taken on this matter.

Sincerely,

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cc: Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor of New York
Honorable Eric Adams, Mayor of the City of New York
Honorable Mark Levine, Manhattan Borough President
Honorable Jerry Nadler, 12th Congressional District Representative
Honorable Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 28th Senatorial District
Honorable José M. Serrano, NYS Senator, 29th Senatorial District
Honorable Edward Gibbs, NYS Assembly Member 68th Assembly District
Honorable Alex Bores, NYS Assembly Member, 73rd Assembly District
Honorable Rebecca Seawright, NYS Assembly Member 76th Assembly District
Honorable Keith Powers, NYC Council Member, 4th Council District
Honorable Julie Menin, NYC Council Member, 5th Council District