



Department of Transportation

Ydanis Rodriguez, Commissioner

April 3, 2024

Russell Squire
Chair
Community Board 8
505 Park Avenue, Suite 620
New York, NY 10022

Dear Chair Squire:

I am writing in response to the December 20, 2023, correspondence requesting daylighting at intersections in the Community Board 8 district.

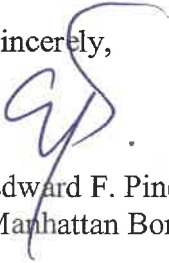
The New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) appreciates CB 8's strong support of creating safer streets both within the district and throughout the city. As you may be aware, there is a new initiative to 'daylight' approximately 1,000 intersections Citywide per year. Currently, the process is being developed which may include roadway markings, physical barriers, parking restrictive signage and/or the widening/extension of sidewalks as to be the most appropriate treatment to implement.

Daylighting can be a valuable tool for improving visibility at certain intersections, particularly intersections without signals and with specific geometric conditions that affect visibility. However, it is not necessarily appropriate at every intersection. DOT is particularly cautious about daylighting at intersections where these regulations could inadvertently allow vehicles to turn faster by widening the roadway on the approach. Likewise, given recent increases in residential deliveries, parking spaces that are daylighted through signs alone may frequently be parked in by delivery vehicles, which can negatively impact visibility.

As always, DOT will continue to evaluate potential targeted improvements to increase visibility and improve safety for all users. The agency's toolbox is extensive and includes a multitude of tailored treatments in addition to daylighting, such as curb extensions and other markings changes, signal timing modifications, signs, and the addition of bike corrals or other street furniture, among others. DOT welcomes Community Board 8's feedback on priority locations and my office would be happy to set up a meeting to discuss potential opportunities for improvements.

Thank you again for your interest in improving the transportation network in your district.
Should you wish to discuss this further, please contact me or Colleen Chattergoon at 212-839-6216.

Sincerely,

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Edward F. Pincar Jr
Manhattan Borough Commissioner

EP: cc
cc: C. Chattergoon, File
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