



Department of Transportation

Ydanis Rodriguez, Commissioner

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Will Brightbill
District Manager, Community Board 8
505 Park Avenue, Suite 620
New York, NY 10022

Dear Will Brightbill:

The New York City Department of Transportation (NYC DOT) has identified the East 96th Street on-ramp to the Franklin D. Roosevelt (FDR) Drive as a high-crash location and completed review for potential improvements. NYC DOT has determined that the existing merge geometry (i.e., yield-on-entry) is the main cause of these conditions. NYC DOT plans to address this issue by designating the right (easterly) through lane on the FDR Drive, approaching the exit ramp to East 96th Street, as an "Exit Only" lane (i.e., a lane drop on the mainline). This change will clarify vehicular movement by creating a dedicated lane for entering traffic at the East 96th Street on-ramp and eliminate the need for vehicles to merge into northbound FDR traffic. NYC DOT intends to make these upgrades this fall.

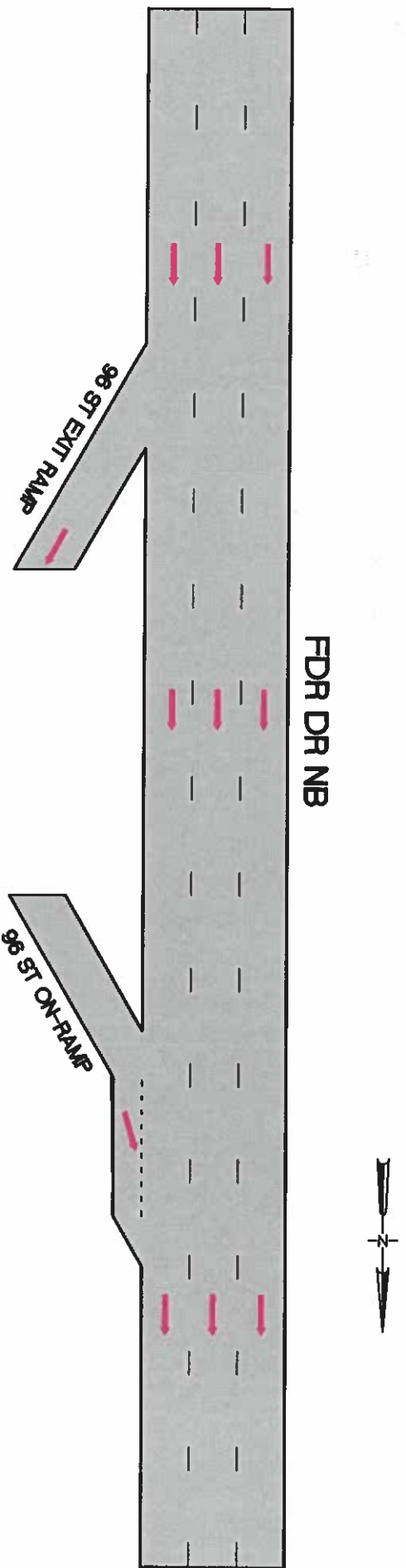
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office at (212) 839-6210.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Danielle Zuckerman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Danielle Zuckerman
Acting Manhattan Borough Commissioner

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