



Department of Transportation

Ydanis Rodriguez, Commissioner

September 19, 2025

Will Brightbill
District Manager
Manhattan Community Board 8
505 Park Avenue, Suite 620
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Dear Will Brightbill:

The New York City Department of Transportation (NYC DOT) has determined some necessary improvements to the intersection of 2nd Avenue and East 63rd Street due to the lack of a south crosswalk. NYC DOT eliminated crosswalk markings years ago due to the high volume of conflicting westbound left-turning traffic. Since that time, advances in signal timing procedures now make it possible for a south crosswalk to operate safely. NYC DOT plans to install a south crosswalk, update markings and retime the signals to match the updated roadway geometry.

Under the proposed new timing plan, green time for East 63rd Street traffic will be split into two parts. In the first part, the south crosswalk will get the WALK display, while the westbound left-turning vehicles are held with a red left-arrow to provide conflict-free crossing. In the second part of the split phase, the south crosswalk displays the steady hand, while the westbound traffic will have a green arrow for conflict-free turning. During both parts of the split phase, the westbound traffic will have a green through-arrow display to allow through traffic to proceed, and the non-conflicting north crosswalk will have the WALK display. The lane arrangement for westbound approach will also change to accommodate the signal timing change. Currently, the westbound approach is marked and signed as one left-only lane, one left-through lane, and one through-only lane. The middle lane will be changed from shared left-through to left-only.

NYC DOT intends to make these upgrades this fall. We are happy to discuss our plans at your October Transportation Committee meeting. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in grey ink, appearing to read "DZ", is written over a faint, larger signature.

Danielle Zuckerman
Acting Manhattan Borough Commissioner