

## 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 Mr. Brightbill:

I am writing to inform you that the City plans to reduce speed limits in select areas throughout your district. Following the enactment of Sammy's Law, the City of New York has the authority to lower speed limits to 20 MPH on individual streets, 15 MPH next to schools, and 10 MPH on streets with additional traffic calming measures.

Reducing traffic speeds is a crucial safety measure that decreases the incidence of crashes and lowers the likelihood of fatalities when crashes do occur. Reduced speed limits are one of many tools the New York City Department of Transportation (NYC DOT) employs to enhance safety. By the end of 2025, NYC DOT plans to reduce the speed limit at 250 locations, focusing on schools, Open Streets, Shared Streets, and other high-traffic areas, as well as introducing 'Regional Slow Zones' in each borough. Speed limits on streets adjacent to schools will be reduced to 15 mph.

The following area in your district has been approved for a speed limit reduction:

• East 66<sup>th</sup> Street from 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue to York Avenue

The Board has 60 days from the date of this letter to provide any comments regarding the proposed location. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Senior Borough Planner Colleen Chattergoon at 212-839-6216 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Edward F. Pincar, Jr Manhattan Borough Commissioner