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Polly Trottenberg
Commissioner
NYC Department of Transportation
55 Water Street, 9th Floor
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Dear Commissioner Trottenberg,

As the Council Member who represents District 3 in Manhattan, I applaud the NYC Department of Transportation's (DOT) proposal to implement a parking-protected bicycle lane on Tenth Avenue from W. 52nd Street to W. 60th Street in Manhattan Community Board 4 and Manhattan Community Board 7.

The proposed bike lane will help protect cyclists, pedestrians and motorists in a heavily congested area in my district. This stretch of Tenth Avenue includes many residential buildings, many businesses, three large schools and the Mount Sinai West Hospital – all of which generate high pedestrian traffic along a corridor known to be plagued with speeding vehicles.

That is why I respectfully request that DOT incorporate several crucial elements in the Tenth Avenue parking-protected bicycle lane which have proven successful in ensuring the safety of pedestrians, cyclists and motorists alike. These safety enhancement features include:

1. Raised concrete pedestrian refuge areas on the north side of W. 52nd Street, W. 53rd Street, W. 55th Street, W. 57th Street, W. 59th Street, and pedestrian refuge areas on both the north and south side of school/hospital crossings at W 58th and W 59th Streets to ensure that pedestrians are fully protected from speeding trucks and cars.
2. Split-phase turn signals at all left turn intersections instead of "mixing zones" to protect pedestrians and cyclists from turning vehicles.
3. Signal timing adjustments to conform to the 25 mph legal speed limit during the day and night.

I greatly appreciate DOT's efforts to build a cycling infrastructure that makes our streets safer for everyone throughout our City. I look forward to working with your agency to make the Tenth Avenue protected bike lane as safe as possible. Please feel free to contact Carl Wilson at my District Office at 212-564-7757 or by email at cwilson2@council.nyc.gov should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Corey Johnson
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