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June 1, 2015

Hon. Polly Trottenberg
Commissioner
NYC Dept. of Transportation
55 Water Street, 9th Floor
New York, NY 10041

Dear Commissioner Trottenberg:

At our General Meeting on Tuesday, May 26, 2015, the Community Board 12 Manhattan passed the following resolution with a vote of (28)Favor (2)Opposed (0)Abstain (1)supporting the NYC Department of Transportation proposed changes to the Sherman Avenue corridor between Broadway and 10th Avenue and to the Broadway and Sherman Avenue intersection.

Whereas, the scheduled repaving of Sherman Avenue this summer provides an opportunity for DoT to improve road configuration, such as incorporating bicycle lanes and improve the safety of all road users, is in compliance with Vision Zero; and

Whereas, CB12 Manhattan requested in 2012 from the DoT a network of bike routes, of which implementation of such approved bike routes began in 2014; and

Whereas, presently Sherman Avenue has 60' wide corridors with long crossings with no dedicated space for cyclists, and shared through/left turn lane causes unpredictable maneuvers; and

Whereas, Community residents expressed frustration over having to wait a couple of traffic light signals before crossing the Broadway and Sherman Ave. intersections due to motor vehicles turning left onto Broadway; and

Whereas, traffic on Broadway and Sherman Avenue intersection are often congested for many blocks due to traffic trying to make a left turn either onto Broadway or Sherman Avenue and from traffic making a right turn on to Sherman Avenue from northbound Broadway because of motor vehicles coming from Ellwood Street; and

Whereas, the years between 2009 through 2013 the intersections of Sherman Avenue and Dyckman, and Sherman Avenue and Academy ranked in the top 10% of most dangerous intersections in all of Manhattan. In these two intersections combined there were 67 injuries, 5 of which were severe injuries, reported either by pedestrians, bicyclist, or motor vehicle occupants.

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(Table and figures below provided by DoT.) Sherman Ave – Broadway to 10th Ave, MN
Injury Summary, 2009 – 2013 (5 Years)

| | Total Injuries | Severe Injuries | Fatalities | KSI |
|------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------|-----|
| Pedestrian | 51 | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Bicyclist | 10 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Motor Vehicle Occupant | 138 | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| Total | 199 | 7 | 2 | 9 |

KSI = Killed/Severely Injured

Whereas, the proposed configuration of Sherman Avenue corridor, which includes adding a bike lane (5'), a parking lane (9'), a painted median/left turn lane (10'), and a straight through traffic lane (11') in each north/south direction of Sherman Avenue, has proven to reduce crashes/injuries by at least 40%; and

Whereas, the proposed configuration for the Sherman Avenue and Broadway intersection, which involves reversing the traffic direction of Ellwood Street between Nagle and Sherman Avenues, closing the right turn slip lane from Broadway onto Sherman Avenue with a sidewalk, and expanding the already existing northern island, will provide a more direct and shorter pedestrian path, clarify vehicular movements, and increase the safety for all users; now therefore be it

Resolved, CB12, M supports DoT's proposed changes to the Sherman Avenue corridor between Broadway and 10th Avenue and to the Broadway and Sherman Avenue intersection.

Sincerely,


George Fernandez, Jr.
Chairman - CB12 M

c: Hon. Bill de Blasio, Mayor
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