

Community Board 12, Manhattan

Traffic and Transportation Committee

RESOLUTION concerning Henry Hudson Parkway Northbound Exit 15: Time-saving for neighborhood residents and merchants, Decreased congestion, Environmental benefits, and Vehicular Safety

Whereas: Traffic from the northbound Henry Hudson Parkway seeking to access the Hudson Heights sub-neighborhood and northbound Riverside Drive must now use Exit 14 and follow a slow and circuitous route through highly congested ramps and streets; and

Whereas: Exit 15 and lower Riverside Drive are significantly less travelled and congested; and

Whereas: The ramp signed "181st Street" from northbound Riverside Drive provides an entrance to the Hudson Heights sub-neighborhood and to the 181st Street corridor; and

Whereas: Expedited access via 181st Street could provide an estimated time savings to drivers of 10 minutes or more per trip; and

Whereas: Many drivers now take informal and potentially illegal shortcuts; and

Whereas: Ramp reconfiguration and accompanying traffic signs and signals would provide an optimal solution to this problem; and

Whereas: Another feasible option may be the establishment of a legal u-turn from southbound Riverside Drive to northbound Riverside Drive at a point south of Exit 15; and

Whereas: Additional feasible solutions may include variable combinations of curbing changes, traffic signs or signals, permitted turns and u-turns, lane markings, and/or other redirection of traffic; and

Whereas: All of these solutions will provide additional benefits to NYC and CB 12 in terms of time savings, decrease of congestion and idling, related environmental benefits, and vehicular safety; and

Whereas: These changes are unlikely to cause any increased congestion; now therefore be it

Resolved: CB12M requests DOT to identify and implement options for northbound HHP traffic headed for Hudson Heights and/or northbound Riverside Drive to be able to utilize the Exit 15 ramp to travel to the 181st Street ramp with added value of savings of time, decrease of congestion, environmental benefits, and vehicular safety.