



Community Board 12 - Manhattan Washington Heights & Inwood

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June 30, 2017

Hon. Polly Trottenberg
NYC DOT Commission
55 Water Street, 9th floor
New York, NY 10041

Hon. Ydanis Rodríguez
Councilmember
250 Broadway
New York, NY 10007

**Re: Resolution to co-name West 183rd Street between Wadsworth and St. Nicholas Avenues,
Rafael A. Estevez Street**

Dear Commissioner:

At the General Meeting, Tuesday, June 27, 2017 Community Board 12 Manhattan, passed the following resolution with a vote of 38 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstention recommending that West 183rd Street between Wadsworth and St. Nicholas Avenue be co-named Rafael A. Estevez Street.

Whereas: Mr. Rafael A. Estevez was a community activist and promoter of Dominican heritage throughout the City, who lived along West 183rd with his family; and

Whereas: He was one of the co-founders of the Dominican Day Parade, and in 1989 became the president of the parade. And it was during his presidency and through his advocacy that the parade was moved to the Avenue of the Americas, making it available for the rest of the City to enjoy and partake in the festivities; and

Whereas: He received awards from Mayor Ed Koch for his work in the Dominican Day Parade. And he was recognized for his intermediary work between the community and 34th precinct for decades; and

Whereas: He played a major role in the naming of Juan Pablo Duarte School; now, therefore be it

Resolved: Community Board 12, Manhattan recommends that West 183rd Street between Wadsworth and St. Nicholas Avenue be co-named Rafael A. Estevez Street.

Sincerely,


Shahabuddeen A. Ally, Esq.
Chairperson

cc: Hon. Bill de Blasio, Mayor
Hon. Letitia James, Public Advocate
Hon. Scott M. Stringer, Comptroller
Hon. Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President
Hon. Adriano Espaillat, Congressman
Hon. Luis Sanchez, NYC DOT Commissioner, Manhattan

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Hon. John J. Degnan, Commissioner
Committee on Operations, Chairman
The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey
4 World Trade Center - 150 Greenwich Street,
New York, NY 10007

Hon. Polly Trottenberg
NYC DOT Commissioner
55 Water Street, 9th floor
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**Re: Resolution Requesting the Department of Transportation and Port Authority to Prioritize Fixing
the Streets and Roadways above the Trans Manhattan Expressway**

Dear Hon. John J. Degnan and Hon. Polly Trottenberg:

At the General Meeting, Tuesday, June 27, 2017 Community Board 12 Manhattan, passed the following resolution with a vote of 40 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention, requesting the NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to work together with all deliberate speed to fix the unsafe and deplorable conditions of the six streets, overpasses and roadways running above Trans Manhattan Expressway, located at West 178th and 179th Streets between Fort Washington Avenue and Amsterdam Avenue and expedite a published timeline of 2019-2024 and any contractual obligations for such rehabilitation that is still awaiting authorization.

Whereas: Many of the streets in Washington Heights/Inwood are in deplorable conditions; and

Whereas: The streets running over the Trans Manhattan Expressway are in terrible condition, making it difficult and unsafe for pedestrians to cross. In particular, our elderly and/or people walking with strollers or assistance; and

Whereas: The streets along West 178th and West 179th Street between Fort Washington Avenue and Amsterdam Avenue need a coordinated effort between Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to address and fix the deplorable conditions because these streets are above the highway and considered to be overpass (bridge) streets; and,

Whereas: Street conditions also make it difficult for taxi drivers to get around and transport commuters in our neighborhood; now, therefore be it

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Resolved: CB12, M requests the NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to work together with all deliberate speed to fix the unsafe and deplorable conditions of the six streets, overpasses and roadways running above the Trans Manhattan Expressway, located at West 178th and 179th Streets between Fort Washington Avenue and Amsterdam Avenue.

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**Re: Resolution asking for Expanding Current Transportation Options in
Washington Heights/Inwood**

Dear Commissioner:

At the General Meeting, Tuesday, June 27, 2017 Community Board 12 Manhattan, passed the following resolution with a vote of 28 in favor, 9 opposed, 4 abstention recommending a study for Washington Heights/Inwood on the feasibility of expanding the transportation services available to its residents that includes adding a ferry service station and a Metro North station.

Whereas: Currently the residents of Washington Heights / Inwood have a couple of subway and bus services to transport them to other areas in New York City and New York State; and

Whereas: The current transportation infrastructure is aging and in deteriorating condition; and,

Whereas: The current commuter population in Washington Heights/Inwood has been growing steadily for the past 5 years, according to the latest report by NYU's Furman Center on the "State of New York City's Housing and Neighborhoods in 2016" released in June, 2017 and will continue to grow; and

Whereas: There is a growing concern about whether the current transportation situation is sustainable for the growing demand and population in the northern Manhattan area; and

Whereas: Various parts of lower Manhattan, Queens and Brooklyn have implemented water ferry service that has proven successful in transporting commuters to popular transportation hubs; and


Whereas: Washington Heights/Inwood has infrastructure in order to make water ferry service available to its residents. Thus connecting its residents to lower Manhattan at a shorter commute time than a regular subway ride; and

Whereas: Washington Heights/Inwood would greatly benefit from having a MetroNorth station in its vicinity. Thus making it quicker and easier for residents to have access to outer parts of New York State; now, therefore be it

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Resolved: Community Board 12, Manhattan strongly urges its elected officials to study the feasibility of expanding the transportation services available to its residents to include adding ferry service station on both waterfronts, a Metro North station, and additional modalities of transportation.

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Re: Resolution regarding Improvements to Dyckman Street and Broadway to Dyckman Street & Nagle Corridor

Dear Commissioner:

At the General Meeting, Tuesday, June 27, 2017 Community Board 12 Manhattan, passed the following resolution with a vote of 28 in favor, 9 opposed, 4 abstention recommending the changes to the Dyckman Street and Broadway to Dyckman Street and Nagle corridor so described.

Whereas: the NYC DOT is in the process of introducing traffic calming measures to many streets as part of its Vision Zero pedestrian safety efforts; and

Whereas: the need exists for an east-west bicycle connection in the vicinity of Dyckman Street; and

Whereas: the NYC DOT has proposed a new design for Dyckman Street from Broadway to 10th Avenue; and

Whereas: the proposed design was presented as 2 part project, the first part involving changes to Dyckman Street and Nagle Avenue to Dyckman Street and 10th Avenue, and the second part involving changes to Dyckman Street from Broadway to Nagle Avenue; and

Whereas: the first part of the project involves the establishment of 2 protected bike lanes on the south side of Dyckman Street between Nagle Avenue and 10th Avenue, and extension the southeastern sidewalk of Dyckman Street and 10th Avenue; and

Whereas: the changes to this part of Dyckman Street will provide much needed connectivity of bike lanes coming from the east side and up to Fort George Hill, and the extension of the sidewalk will make it easier for families and children going to and from the school and Highbridge Park; and,

Whereas: this part of the project was approved by CB12, M at March's General Meeting; and

Whereas: this second part of the project includes a painted curb extension and normalization of the intersection at Dyckman Street and Broadway, a creation of a safer and more organized bicycle experience and east-west connection, which includes bike lanes west of Nagle Avenue; now, therefore be it

Resolved: that Community Board 12, Manhattan approves the changes to the Dyckman Street and Broadway to Dyckman Street and Nagle corridor.

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