

Community Board 12 Manhattan

Traffic & Transportation Committee

Resolution in Support of the DOT's proposed 3 Safe Streets for Seniors Program in CB 12 M

June 4th, 2012

- Whereas: Seniors are only 12% of the population of CB12M but they are 38% of pedestrian fatalities, and;
- Whereas: In an effort to reduce the incidence of senior and all pedestrian injuries and deaths, The Mayor, and the Commissioners of DFTA and DOT launched Safe Streets for Seniors which is a major pedestrian safety initiative for older New Yorkers in January 2008, and;
- Whereas: After examining accident histories across the city, DOT identified 25 city neighborhoods that have both a high density of senior citizens and a high number of pedestrian accidents or injuries, and;
- Whereas: DOT examined variables like visibility, lighting, drivers' compliance with traffic and pedestrian signals and the width of the roadway, and evaluated pedestrian conditions in these neighborhoods from a senior's perspective, and;
- Whereas: Seniors reported not having enough time to cross the street, broken or missing pedestrian ramps, faded and hard to see markings, and turning vehicles failing to yield, and;
- Whereas: DOT will make engineering changes, such as extending pedestrian crossing times and shortening crossing distances, altering curbs and sidewalks, restricting vehicle turns, and narrowing roadways, and;
- Whereas: In the Washington Height Senior Service Area, there are two intersections DOT will be working on. One is the intersection of Broadway, Wadsworth Avenue & W 173rd Street and the other at the intersection of Ft George Hill, St Nicholas Avenue, Audubon Avenue & W 193rd Street, and;
- Whereas: The Hamilton Height Senior Service Area is in CB 9 M and CB 12 M from 145th to 165th Streets, Broadway to Amsterdam, and St Nicholas (north of 154th Street). The intersection to be addressed are Broadway and 155th Street, Amsterdam Avenue and 155th Street and St Nicholas Avenue from 155th to 159th Streets; now therefore be it
- Resolved: CB12M supports these Safe Streets for Seniors projects in our community and call upon the New York City Department of Transportation to develop additional ones.

- Board votes 7-0-0.
- Public votes 4-0-0.