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Luis Sanchez
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
Department of Transportation
55 Water St. 9th Floor
New York, NY 10041

Dear Manhattan Borough Commissioner Sanchez:

At its Full Board meeting February 22nd, 2018, Community Board #2, adopted the following resolution:

Resolution requesting two speed humps on Mott St. bet. Houston and Prince Sts.

Whereas motorists turn into Mott St. from Houston St. at full throttle, advancing south on Mott to Prince St. at excessive speeds, as they race forward to make the traffic light at Prince before it turns red; and

Whereas this speeding vehicular traffic greatly imperils the numerous pedestrians walking on and crossing this predominantly residential street, including many seniors and children, as well as all the many congregants attending the Basilica of St. Patrick's Old Cathedral, which is located there; and

Whereas a sizeable group of Mott St. residents joined by Monsignor Donald Sakano, the pastor of St. Patrick's came to attest to the dangerous speeding conditions on Mott btw. Houston and Prince Sts., to the ineffectiveness of the current misplaced, deteriorating speed hump there and to the need for greater speed hump control, while also reporting that there is consensus on the block among not only residents but also shopkeepers and restaurants that speed hump improvements are needed; and

Whereas this stretch of Mott St. is highly trafficked as a major route into Chinatown, further calling for properly placed speed humps to slow down traffic; and

Whereas examples in other cities as well as on certain streets in Community Board 2 Manhattan (CB2) have shown that installing two speed humps on a block helps sustain a steady slow speed in motor vehicles that otherwise go full speed ahead once going over a single speed hump; and

Whereas Mott St. btw. Houston and Prince Sts. previously did have two speed humps in the streetbed, but one was removed (and not replaced) following roadwork;

Therefore be it resolved that CB2 urges DOT to install two speed humps on Mott St. btw. Houston and Prince Sts.; and

Be it further resolved that CB2 asks that these speed humps be carefully placed at intervals to keep traffic flowing at a consistent slow pace.

Vote: Pass, with 34 Board Members in favor.
1 Board Member in opposition. (R. Sanz)

Please advise us of any decision or action taken in response to this resolution.

Sincerely,



Terri Cude, Chair
Community Board #2, Manhattan



Shirley Secunda, Chair
Traffic & Transportation Committee
Community Board #2, Manhattan

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c: Hon. Carolyn Maloney, Congresswoman
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