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May 27, 2020

Edward Pincar Jr.
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
Department of Transportation
55 Water Street
New York, NY 10041

Dear Commissioner Pincar:

At its Full Board meeting May 21, 2020, Community Board #2, adopted the following resolution:

Resolution requesting the addition of temporary protective barriers to the bike lane on West Houston St. btw. Washington and West Sts. to provide safer access to the Hudson River Park greenway, until more permanent safety improvements can be added.

Whereas bicycling down the last block on Houston St. between Washington & West Sts. is very precarious, because the bike lane is wedged between right turn and left turn lanes, and cyclists are often caught between trucks; and

Whereas it would be much safer for bicyclists to have a barricade protecting the bike lane to avoid these dangerous conflicts;

Whereas the safety of cyclists headed on this stretch to the Hudson River Park Greenway, who often are forced to dismount their bikes and walk at this juncture, needs to be ensured;

Therefore be it resolved that Community Board 2 Manhattan urges the NYC Dept. of Transportation to install temporary protective barriers on the bike lane on West Houston St. between Washington and West Sts. until more permanent safety improvements can be added.

Vote: Unanimous, with 47 Board Members in favor

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

Sincerely,

Carter Booth, Chair
Community Board #2, Manhattan

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

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c: Hon. Jerrold L. Nadler, Congressman
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Dear Commissioner Pincar:

At its Full Board meeting May 21, 2020, Community Board #2, adopted the following resolution:

Resolution requesting a temporary extension of the bicycle lane on 6th Ave. (Ave. of the Americas) from 8th St./Greenwich Ave. to Canal St. during the novel coronavirus pandemic.

Whereas during the coronavirus pandemic, NYC's essential workers are cycling as a safe and healthy way to reach work, and the number of cyclists is steadily increasing; and

Whereas Community Board 2 Manhattan (CB2) passed a resolution in April 2020 asking for immediate, temporary bike lanes to provide safe passage for our essential workers; and

Whereas 6th Ave. (Ave. of the Americas) can provide an important link from downtown up to midtown and then connecting to Central Park and reaching 110th Street; and

Whereas there is a northbound bike lane on Church St. that connects to 6th Ave. at Franklin St. and continues up the east side of 6th Ave. to Canal St., there's a protected bike lane on the west side of 6th Ave. from Greenwich Ave./8th St. to 36th St., and the NYC Dept. of Transportation (DOT) is completing the 6th Avenue parking protected bike lane from 36th to 59th Street. A protected bike lane extension from Canal St. to Greenwich Avenue/8th Street would provide a much-needed continuous direct route from downtown to uptown; and

Whereas buses turn left onto Watts St. on the west side of 6th Ave.; and

Whereas there is a fire station on the west side of 6th Ave. and Houston St.; and

Whereas there are examples in NYC of protected bike lanes switching street sides; and

Whereas there is excessive speeding on 6th Ave. from Canal St. to 8th St., which one less travel lane would alleviate;

Therefore be it resolved that CB2 requests that DOT install a temporary protected bike lane on the east side of 6th Ave. from Canal St. up to either Dominick St., Houston St. or W. 3rd St., at which point the bike lane would continue up the west side of 6th Ave. and connect to the protected bike lane beginning at Greenwich Ave./8th St.

Vote: Unanimous, with 47 Board Members in favor

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