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April 21, 2017

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 April 20, 2017, Community Board #2, adopted the following resolution:

Resolution requesting repair of existing speed hump and the construction of an additional speed hump on St. Lukes Place, between 7th Avenue South and Hudson Street to mitigate speeding vehicles in a high volume pedestrian trafficked street housing a library, park, and ball field on the south side of the street.

Whereas motor vehicles, including big trucks heading for the Fedex and UPS terminals located down the block on Leroy Street, are speeding west on St. Lukes Place; and

Whereas there is only one speed hump located in the middle of the block which is in a degraded condition due to snow plow and vehicular wear and tear, and in need of immediate repair; and

Whereas testimony from residents cited that vehicular traffic has been recorded to move above the 20 mph speed limit of the Slow Zone, which is a result of vehicles speeding off 7th Avenue South making a right at St. Lukes which leads to what is a blind corner; and

Whereas St. Lukes Place between 7th Ave. South and Hudson Street is considered to be a Slow Zone, but it is incomplete; and

Whereas there is a library entrance with elementary school students and no signage alerting vehicles to pedestrians crossing; and

Whereas it is the opinion of NYC Dept. of Transportation (DOT) Manhattan Deputy Borough Commissioner Ed Pincar that before a new speed hump can be created, driveways, parking and other physical attributes of the block need to be considered; and

Whereas the DOT is not in favor of adding more signage that studies have shown to distract drivers and detract from the beauty of a historic block like St. Lukes Place; and

Whereas the street is in need of new pavement after a punishing winter; and

Whereas St. Lukes Place Block Association and Friends of JJ Walker Park attended the meeting and are in favor of slowing down traffic that enters St. Lukes Place off 7th Avenue;

Therefore be it resolved that Community Board 2, Manhattan (CB2) asks DOT to consider adding a speed hump either at the intersection of 7th Avenue and St. Lukes Place as a raised crosswalk or in an appropriate place on St. Lukes Place as close to 7th Avenue South as possible without disturbing curb cuts and driveway access points; and

Be it further resolved that CB2 requests repaving of St. Lukes and renovation of the existing speed hump with a new paint job and customary signage to warn drivers of the speed hump; and

Be it further resolved that CB2 suggests the NYC Dept. of Transportation eliminate parking up to the corner of St. Lukes and 7th Ave. S. on the south side and replace it with an epoxy gravel sidewalk extension (pedestrian space) defined and protected by flexible delineators, planters and other possible delineating features;

Be it further resolved that CB2 requests that St. Lukes Place between 7th Ave. South and Hudson Street become a full Slow Zone with all Slow Zone elements, such as gateway treatment and 20 mph signage and that all existing Slow Zone signs be refreshed along with installation of new ones; and

Be it finally resolved that CB2 suggests that these improvements be incorporated into the upcoming 7th Ave. S. Complete Streets plan.

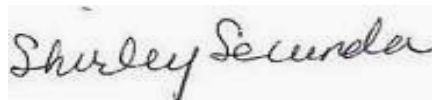
Vote: Unanimously, with 34 Board Members in favor.

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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