



August 30, 2013

Gigi Li, Chair  
Chair  
Community Board 3  
59 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10003

Dear Ms. Li:

Thank you for your letter dated June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013 regarding the traffic configurations on Grand Street between the FDR Drive and Essex Street.

We are in the process of investigating potential changes to the Williamsburg Bridge approaches that will minimize congestion along the westbound Grand Street corridor between the FDR drive and Clinton Street. The changes will increase the capacity of the northbound Clinton Street entrance to the Williamsburg Bridge while also improving the use of alternate routes to the Williamsburg Bridge. The alternate routes will reduce the number of vehicles attempting to enter the Williamsburg Bridge via Clinton Street. Additionally, a second westbound lane will be installed to increase vehicle storage approaching Clinton Street and further improve the flow of traffic. Below are the proposed changes that are under investigation:

- Increasing the amount of green signal time for northbound Clinton Street to enter the Williamsburg Bridge at Delancey Street
- Adding a second westbound travel lane on Grand Street between Pitt Street and Clinton Street to allow vehicles to bypass the right turning queue and use the Norfolk Street entrance to the Williamsburg Bridge
- Installing guide signs along Grand Street to alert motorists to alternate routes to Williamsburg Bridge
- Installing guide signs on the FDR drive to alert motorists to the alternate Williamsburg Bridge entrance via Houston Street

The above recommendations will be presented at the September 10<sup>th</sup> Community Board 3 Transportation Committee meeting.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention. Please feel free to contact me with any additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Margaret Forgione  
Manhattan Borough Commissioner