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Margaret Forgione
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
New York City Department of Transportation
55 Water Street, 9th Floor
New York, New York 10041

**Re: Traffic Signage/Traffic Light Problems for West 19th and West 21st Streets,
10th Avenue**

Dear Commissioner Forgione:

Manhattan Community Board 4 (CB4) would like to bring to your attention a long standing traffic problem that exists at the intersections of Tenth Avenue and both West 19th and West 21st Streets and requests the modification of the traffic signal at this location.

The problem is caused by the fact that traffic flows westward on the two streets, West 19th and West 21st Streets, east of Tenth Avenue. However, the traffic flows eastward on West 19th and West 21st Streets between Tenth and Eleventh Avenues. At times during the day and particularly at night and during weekends, some of the cars traveling westward do not see the current existing signage and they continue straight, head on into the oncoming eastbound traffic.

At CB4s request, the Department of Transportation (DOT) did install enhanced signage at these intersections in 2007, but the Chelsea Council of Block Associations has reported that the problem has persisted.

CB4 is requesting that the traffic light signals be modified so that the green light be replaced with a green arrow; when the light turns green for the cars approaching the intersections on Tenth Avenue from the East, a green arrow would direct the cars to turn right. And for the cars approaching Tenth Avenue from the west, the green arrow would direct the cars to turn left. The green arrow phase would be followed by the normal red

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Corey Johnson
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