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Honorable Margaret Forgione
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
New York City Department of Transportation
40 Worth Street
New York, NY 10013

Re: Pedestrian safety conditions on West 24th Street, between Eighth and Ninth Avenues.

Dear Commissioner Forgione,

Manhattan Community Board No. 4 is concerned about pedestrian safety on West 24th Street between 8th and 9th Avenues. There is substantial pedestrian and handicapped usage of the street, particularly given the mid-block curb cut and location of Penn South and its mid-block park and the mid-block cut-through to a supermarket, cinema and bus stop.

According to area residents, the current slightly raised speed bump does not slow down traffic on this street. We would like to request that the Department of Transportation investigate automobile speeds on this block and implement new mitigation devices, particularly given the mid-block curb cuts, used for crossing by many elderly and disabled individuals. We hope that DOT will consider such ideas as a full speed bump, yellow striping, rumble strips, a more prominent "Slow, Pedestrian Crossing" sign or a Stop Sign.

As always we appreciate your assistance in promoting pedestrian safety and handicapped accessibility and look forward to a response regarding your findings and proposed safety measures.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Walter Mankoff
Chair
Manhattan Community Board No. 4

Jay Marcus
Chair
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Penn South