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Department of Transportation
Commissioner Janette Sadik-Kahn
40 Worth Street
New York, NY 10013

Re: Dangerous Situation at Intersection Dyer Avenue and 34th Street

Dear Commissioner Sadik-Khan,

The intersection of Dyer Avenue and 34th Street has become more and more congested with Lincoln tunnel queuing traffic and dangerous to pedestrians. This is a major concern for our community since this intersection is located 200 feet from Saint Michaels Church, Saint Michaels School, and it is adjacent to two large residential buildings.

This access to the Lincoln Tunnel is a major intersection between a highway and the street grid. Cars emerge from the tunnel at high speed and - with no visibility- make a sharp right turn onto 34th street where they conflict with pedestrians crossing during the normal walk phase. Eastbound cars often make an illegal left turn onto Dyer and threaten pedestrians who cross the south side of 34th street at Dyer.

The presence of a traffic agent during the week at peak evening commute hours, minimizes the problems. However, there are no traffic agents at this location on weekends, when only three tunnel lanes are opened to outgoing New Jersey traffic, causing longer queues at all the New York side tunnel entrances.

Community Board 4 requests that the following actions be taken to address this dangerous situation:

- 1- Install an exclusive phase for pedestrians to cross both 34th Street and Dyer Avenue at the same time with no vehicular conflict (Barnes Dance).
- 2- Install a sign on the northeast corner of 34th street at Dyer Avenue, advising drivers of an "Alternate Route to Lincoln tunnel – Use 11th Avenue". This will alleviate excessive queuing and honking at this location.

- 3- If the second measure is not adopted, we request an agent be posted at this location on Saturdays and Sundays during peak hours.

Sincerely,



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