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Borough Commissioner Margaret Forgione
Department of Transportation
59 maiden Lane, 35th Floor
New York, NY 10038

Re: Lead Pedestrian interval at 34th Street and Dyer Avenue

Dear Borough Commissioner Forgione,

Manhattan Community Board 4 thanks the Department of Transportation for approving the installation of a 17 second Lead Pedestrian Interval (LPI) to protect pedestrians crossing 34th Street at its intersection with Dyer Avenue. The LPI was installed on Saturday June 21st, 2008, three days after the Transportation Committee meeting!

The representative of 350 residents of the four buildings surrounding this intersection came to the Transportation Committee with a petition, pointing out how dangerous this intersection was: vehicles emerge at high speed from the Lincoln Tunnel and turn right without slowing down for pedestrians who have the right of way on the western crossing. Because of the sharp turn, the pedestrians cannot see if a vehicle is approaching.

In addition to the four residential buildings, the Saint Michael School and Parish are both located within 500 ft from this intersection.

We are extremely appreciative for the expediency the DOT has shown in mitigating this problem.

Sincerely,

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