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

Re: High visibility pedestrian crossings on 10th Avenue

Dear Ms. Forgione:

Manhattan Community Board 4 (CB4) requests that high visibility pedestrian crossings be installed at each of the four crossings at the Tenth Avenue intersections with transversal streets, from 46th to 57th Streets. Priority should be given to those intersections near a school. Further, the 46th Street intersection needs additional speed control devices.

Tenth Avenue is a main northward route for trucks and Lincoln Tunnel traffic. It is very wide and the drivers do have a tendency to speed. There are five schools within 500 ft of the avenue. The high visibility treatment will help make pedestrians more conspicuous to the drivers.

The 46th Street Block Association has complained of drivers speeding while they turn east from Tenth Avenue onto 46th Street. Even though there is a neck down at this location, residents have observed many near-hit at this intersection close to the Ryan Chelsea Clinic. The existing sign "yield to pedestrian" seems ineffective in slowing down drivers.

CB4 requests that:

1. The intersections at 47th, 48th, 50th, 52nd and 56th Streets get higher priority in receiving high visibility pedestrian crossings, since they are each within 500 ft of a separate school.
2. The other intersections (46th, 49th, 51st, 53rd, 54th, 55th and 57th) receive high visibility pedestrian crossings as soon as possible.
3. Additional signage and crossing time be provided at the 46th Street east crossing to reduce the speed of turning cars:
 - a. install a Lead Pedestrian Interval to allow pedestrians a head start on the east crossing of 46th Street;
 - b. replace the "Yield to Pedestrians" sign with a larger one; and,
 - c. Install a speed limitation to 20 miles per hour before the turn.

We appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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