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Re: Dyer Avenue – Follow up

As a follow up to the resurfacing of Dyer Avenue between 34th and 36th Streets, Manhattan Community Board 4 (CB4) is pleased that three new ADA pedestrian ramps were installed. However, we are requesting that the agency of record addresses in priority the five remaining locations without any ramps (we believe this is the Department of Transportation (DOT)) and that the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PANYNJ) perform and publish a study of the recent traffic changes on Dyer Avenue.

The following locations currently have no ramps:

1. South West corner of 36th Street , @ Dyer crossing
2. North East Corner of 36th Street @ Dyer crossing
3. North East corner of 36th Street @36th Street crossing
4. South East corner of 35th Street @ 35th Street crossing (needs a realigned crosswalk)
5. South West crossing of 34th Street at Dyer Avenue

During the repaving, PANYNJ reduced the outgoing lanes on Dyer Avenue from two to one. This is a 50% reduction in capacity, between 34th and 36th Streets.

CB4 and PANYNJ held detailed meetings on the repaving, but these changes in traffic flows were never discussed, nor do we understand their impact on our streets.

While the DOT is studying the traffic patterns in the area in order to free the city streets of traffic congestion, reducing the capacity of Dyer Avenue and pushing more queuing onto city streets seems at cross purpose.

We request that the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey share with the community the traffic analysis that informed such changes and gives us a post implementation study of its effect on the queue length on city streets at weekend peak hours (Saturday and Sunday 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.)

1. 34th Street between Dyer and 9th Avenues
2. 35th , 37th and 39th Streets between 8th and 9th Avenues
3. 9th Avenue between 36th and 42nd Streets

CB4 is hopeful that with more upfront sharing of information, the collaboration between DOT, PANYNJ, and the community will produce an improved and safer pedestrian experience and reduced congestion on our streets.

Sincerely,



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