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Margaret Forgione
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
NYC Department of Transportation
59 Maiden Lane, 37th Floor
New York, NY 10038

**Re: Safety Enhancement Investigation
West 54th Street between Tenth and Eleventh Avenues**

Dear Commissioner Forgione:

Manhattan Community Board 4 (CB4) requests DOT investigate making safety improvements on West 54th Street between Tenth and Eleventh Avenues.

West 54th Street between Tenth and Eleventh Avenues has building entrances for several hundred apartments, including those in the more recently opened Mercedes House on the South Side and the 39 story Clinton Towers on the north-side. In addition, while the entrances to Harbor view senior apartments and the Polly Dodge Early Learning Center are on West 55th Street, there is a commonly midblock walkway between West 55th and West 54th that West 55th Street residents and Polly Dodge Center students/parents often use to get to the M31 bus stop on the South Side of West 54th Street. The recently renovated DeWitt Clinton Park has an entrance/exit on the West side of Eleventh Avenue at West 54th Street

Residents from Clinton Towers have reported frequent speeding both from cars making the turn from Eleventh Avenue onto West 54th Street and from cars going east bound the street. Remedies including a speed bump, turn signal, and or Leading Pedestrian Interval (LPI) may be appropriate for this street and should be investigated.

Thank you for your consideration and assistance.

Sincerely,

Christine Berthet
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