

1 **Transportation Planning Committee**

Item #: 41

2
3 July 26, 2012

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5 Ms. Margaret Forgione
6 Manhattan Borough Commissioner
7 55 Water Street
8 New York, New York 10041
9 New York City Department of Transportation

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11 **Re: Ninth and Tenth Avenues Crossings at W. 43rd Street.**

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13 Dear Commissioner Forgione:

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15 Manhattan Community Board 4 (CB4) requests that the New York City Department
16 of Transportation (DOT) accelerate the implementation of the Hell's Kitchen Traffic
17 study recommendations that pertain to the intersections of W. 43rd Street and
18 Ninth and Tenth Avenues.

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20 Last year, CB4's Committee for Housing Health and Human Services undertook a
21 Seniors Needs Survey to better understand and serve the needs of this growing
22 segment of our population.

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24 From the hundreds of responses it collected, it became apparent that traffic is a
25 major hazard and source of concern for Seniors, in particular in the area
26 surrounding Manhattan Plaza, a large Naturally Occurring Retirement Community
27 and affordable apartments complex located between W. 42nd and W. 43rd Streets,
28 Ninth and Tenth Avenue where approximately 3,500 residents live.

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30 The DOT has nearly completed a study of traffic and pedestrian safety in this area
31 and has made recommendations for the intersection of W. 43rd Street and Ninth
32 Avenue.

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34 We are asking that DOT expedite the implementation of this recommendation,
35 possibly to coincide with other signals change to occur as part of the bike lane
36 installation:

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38 • Install a split phase signal on W. 43rd Street to eliminate conflicts between
39 westbound cars turning south onto Ninth Avenue and pedestrians crossing the
40 south crosswalk of Ninth Avenue.

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42 • In addition we request the installation of pedestrian countdowns for both
43 north and south crossings of Ninth and Tenth Avenues at the intersections with
44 43rd Street.

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46 The children of Holy Cross School located on W. 43rd Street between Eighth and
47 Ninth Avenues will equally benefit from these measures. Holy Cross is one of the
48 most dangerous schools to walk to in New York City.

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50 Thank you for your consideration.

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