

**Community Board 9M
16-18 Old Broadway
New York City, NY 10027**

March Uniformed Services / Transportation Committee Meeting

**Date: March 5, 2015
Time: 6:30 PM
Location: Broadway House**

The meeting was a public hearing on NYCDOT's plans to slow the traffic on Riverside Drive between 116th Street and 135th Street.

DOT reps Dan Wagner and Terrie Ishi presented a power point presentation detailing the plans which covered added crossing areas, increasing sidewalks and narrowing the viaduct from four to two lanes.

There was significant opposition to the narrowing of the viaduct based on the fact that it would increase commuter congestion and the resultant exhaust would increase the pollution in the area.

The plan to make the turn from RSD to 116 east bound to perpendicular was widely accepted. While CB9 had already submitted a plan for Angle parking on 120 between RSD and Riverside, DOT wanted to put a median in the center.

At the end of the meeting, we took the sense of the group

	US/TSP COMM	CB9 MEMBS	CB9 COMMUNITY
Accept 116 turn	5-0	8-0	12-0
Accept 120 St Median	1-4	4-1	4-1
Cut Viaduct lanes to two	1-4	2-3	4-8

The consensus was to ask for the installation of speed cameras

After the meeting, committee voted to support the installation of a work of art on the SE corner of Riverside Drive and 155 Street Passed 4-1

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45
Respectfully submitted

Theodore Koualeff

Martin Wallace asked that the following be attached to the minutes:

Thank you for working so hard to make this stretch of Riverside Drive safer. I bike along Riverside Drive on my way to work, and motorists really seem to use it as a highway. They drive very fast and pass very close. Eliminating a moving lane will slow down traffic (and discourage thru traffic from using Riverside Drive as a high speed shortcut), and a wider parking lane will give cyclists some more breathing room.

I think this proposal would be made even better if we added a parking-protected bike lane. Since we are already removing one moving lane of traffic, this wouldn't come at anybody's expense. We would just switch the parking lane with the unofficial bike lane. This would be HUGE for me and for other cyclists. We could bike without being in the door zone, and without having cars pull in and out unpredictably as drivers try to parallel park. We wouldn't be forced into traffic, and no one could park in the bike lane! This is well worth doing even if it takes a little more time and money.

I strongly support the addition of the sidewalks, normalizing the corners, etc. Pedestrians should have a safe way to access and walk along this beautiful park.

Thanks again for your help. I'm excited about the project, and I do hope you will add that protected bike lane.

Sincerely,
Carolyn Kelly