



Department of Transportation

JANETTE SADIK-KHAN, Commissioner

May 16, 2011

Ms. Penny Ryan
District Manager
Manhattan Community Board #7
250 West 87th Street
New York, NY 10024-2706

Dear Ms. Ryan,

This is in response to requests for traffic safety measures for West 70th Street and West End Avenue as outlined in the Community Board 7 resolution of March 1, 2011 and in recommendations from the P.S. 199 PTA.

The resolution supports 5 items noted in the PTA letter of recommended improvements. Below are the DOT findings.

1. A speed study was conducted for West 70th Street and two speed bumps have been approved for the street and will be installed this year. The installation of speed bumps includes speed limit warnings on signs approaching the bumps.
2. The resolution requested the installation of a red light camera at the intersection of West 70th Street and West End Avenue. At present, 170 red light cameras have been installed throughout the city. This is the maximum number allowed by New York State legislation. We are continuing to advocate for the ability to install more red light cameras. We are compiling a list of locations throughout the city that may be suitable for this treatment. As you suggested, we will evaluate the suitability this intersection as part of that effort.
3. A request for “daylighting” resulted in the installation of requested “No Standing Anytime” regulation at the following locations:
 - Southeast corner on West End Avenue at West 70th Street, directly in front of CVS
 - Southwest corner on West 70th Street at West End Avenue
 - Northwest corner on West End Avenue at West 70th Street
4. We have not yet completed our evaluation of Leading Pedestrian Intervals for crossing West End Avenue. Once we complete this study we will provide you with this information.

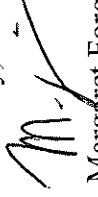
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5. With regard to neckdowns at the intersection of West End Avenue and West 70th Street, this work is currently beyond the scope of our in-house forces, and must be funded as a capital project. We would like to discuss this further with you and the elected officials. As for the pedestrian refuge island on West End Avenue, this part of the roadway is too narrow and would create additional traffic hazards.

We look forward to continuing to work with you on this location. Thank you for your interest in traffic safety.

Sincerely,

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Borough Commissioner

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