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Edward Pincar
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Dear Commissioner Pincar:

Community Board 11 supports the Department of Transportation's proposed safety improvements at the following two intersections: 2nd Avenue & East 109th Street and 1st Avenue & East 106th Street. These two intersections were chosen not only because they are located within the Vision Zero Priority Corridors, but also because the crash data at each location indicates a need for intervention.

Currently, the intersection at 2nd Avenue and East 109th Street is extremely wide, resulting in long pedestrian crossing distances and allows for faster vehicular turning speeds. The proposed improvement includes a concrete curb extension on the southwest corner of 2nd Avenue and East 109th Street. Ultimately, the curb cut would shorten crossing distances, increase pedestrian visibility next to PS 83, and prevent illegal parking and reduce the speed of turning vehicles.

The crossing at 1st Avenue and East 106th Street is similar in that the existing pedestrian crossings are long due to width. To mitigate the long crossing distance and slow down vehicle turns, DOT proposes to construct one concrete pedestrian island on the east side of East 106th Street at 1st Avenue.

Construction is expected to begin in Summer 2021 and complete after two years. We look forward to seeing the implementation of the school safety pedestrian measures and if you have any questions or have further information to provide, please contact our Assistant District Manager, Carly Wine, at 212-831-8929.

Sincerely,

Nilsa Orama
Chair

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