



June 17, 2014

Polly Trottenberg  
Commissioner  
NYC Department of Transportation  
55 Water Street, 9th Floor  
New York, NY 10041

Dear Commissioners Trottenberg:

Recently, our offices were contacted by the Committee for Pedestrian Safety on Riverside Boulevard and the Coalition for a Livable West Side regarding pedestrian safety issues on Riverside Boulevard. As representatives of the Upper West Side, we wish to bring to your attention their attached letter and ask for your consideration of their suggestions.

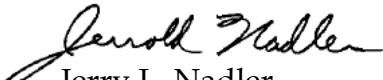
As you know, pedestrian safety on Riverside Boulevard has been a concern for local residents for some time. In 2011, the Department of Transportation (DOT) instituted a traffic calming plan on the boulevard from West 62<sup>nd</sup> to West 72<sup>nd</sup> Streets; however, our constituents have indicated that these measures have proven insufficient. Their letter details ongoing pedestrian safety problems and seeks the institution of additional measures. In particular, we support their request that Riverside Boulevard be considered for a reduced speed limit of 20 miles per hour, especially given the concentration of early childhood educational institutions in the surrounding area. The other measures they list, such as installation of fluorescent "Yield" signs at all pedestrian crossings; both "Stop" and "Yield" signs at all crossings to Riverside South Park; and an extra-large, raised, ADA-compliant crossing at West 68<sup>th</sup> Street also merit consideration.

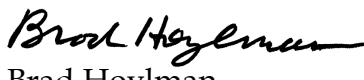
Young children, their teachers and caretakers account for a substantial portion of the pedestrian traffic on Riverside Boulevard. Furthermore, the Boulevard presents the primary points of entry to Riverside Park South. While we are grateful for the measures that DOT has already introduced along Riverside Boulevard, we hope that the Department will consider the input of local residents and the possibility of implementing these or other additional measures.


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Thank you for your consideration of our request and for the work you do to ensure the safety of all New Yorkers. Should you have any questions or to follow up, please contact Josh Cole in Senator Hoylman's office at 212-633-8052.

Sincerely,

  
Jerry L. Nadler  
US Representative

  
Brad Hoylman  
State Senator

  
Linda B. Rosenthal  
Assembly Member

  
Helen Rosenthal  
City Council Member

Enclosure

cc: Manhattan Community Board 7  
Coalition for a Livable West Side  
Committee for Pedestrian Safety on Riverside Boulevard