



Ms. Janette Sadik-Khan, Commissioner  
Department of Transportation  
55 Water Street  
New York, NY 10041

August 23, 2011

Dear Commissioner Sadik-Khan,

We are writing to you today regarding the extremely dangerous situation on Delancey Street. In May, following a fatal accident at Delancey and Essex Street, we called on the DOT to take immediate action to fix what has been called "the deadliest intersection in New York."

In the wake of yet another fatal accident last week, at Delancey and Chrystie Street, it is crucial that the DOT take action to fix the traffic conditions along this major thoroughfare. Delancey Street is the major arterial connection in the Lower East Side. These hazardous conditions cannot continue.

We know that the DOT plans to install pedestrian countdown signals along part of the Delancey Street corridor. We urge the DOT to begin this process immediately and to extend the pedestrian countdown signals at every intersection on Delancey.

In addition, we ask DOT to seriously consider ways to mitigate the danger for pedestrians along the whole of Delancey Street, from Bowery to the Williamsburg Bridge. We understand that for traffic changes on Delancey to be effective, and appropriate for the larger Lower East Side community, input from other stakeholders, including the NYPD, Community Board 3, and residents is necessary. We urge the DOT to work together with these community partners, as well as our offices, to make Delancey safer for pedestrians.

The fatalities on Delancey Street are mounting. As development at the Seward Park site moves forward, there will be more residential development and more foot traffic in this area. This matter requires the urgent attention and the full dedication of the DOT. We look forward to your response and to working with you to improve the safety of this vital roadway in our district.

Sincerely,

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