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Borough Commissioner Margaret Forgione
Department of Transportation
59 Maiden Lane, 35th Floor
New York, NY 10038

RE: Request to Improve Safety at the Corner of West 46th Street and Tenth Avenue

Dear Commissioner Forgione:

Manhattan Community Board #4 reiterates its request from April 4, 2008 that the Department of Transportation take steps to improve pedestrian safety at South East corner of West 46th Street and 10th Avenue. More specifically, we request that sign be installed along the east side of the avenue south of West 46th Street warning drivers "Caution on Right Turn, Street Bulb-out." We also request that the NYC Department of Transportation instigate installing a right hand turn traffic light for turns from 10th Avenue onto West 46th Street, including protected time for pedestrian crossing on West 46th Street. At a minimum, and in the interim, we request that DOT change the traffic light timing to have northbound traffic slow down near W. 46th Street.

We make this request following another pedestrian injury resulting from a vehicle turning onto a portion of the bulb-out on West 46th Street. Neighbors report that vehicles often speed up on 10th Avenue after the typical common slow-down as result of cars exiting and entering the Hess Station between West 44th and West 45th Street and that vehicles going over the bulb-out is a common occurrence.

Our request in 2008 was denied indicating that after DOT inspection of the intersection it did not feel any changes were required. We hope that our reiteration of this request will result in a closer examination of the intersection and a more active response from DOT.

As always, we appreciate your consideration and assistance of this important pedestrian safety request.

Sincerely,

Corey Johnson
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