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July 19, 2013

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

Dear Manhattan Borough Commissioner Forgione:

At its Full Board meeting July 18, 2013, Community Board #2, adopted the following resolution:

Proposal by NYC DOT to install a painted sidewalk of west side of Mott St betw. Grand and Hester St.

WHEREAS, this proposal is the only area to fall within the borders of Community Board 2 from a much larger study area (primarily in CB1), and

WHEREAS, this proposal comes from NYCDOT's study of the area, after significant outreach by to affected businesses and community groups; and

WHEREAS, pedestrian overflow, safety concerns and traffic congestion that currently exist on Mott Street could be addressed by better traffic management and the creation of additional marked pedestrian space to avoid conflict with vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the introduction of metered parking will provide for a better flow of commercial traffic and lessen double parking; and

WHEREAS, the proposal will divide the Mott roadway with markings into a parking lane (11 ft wide), a travel lane (12 ft wide) and additional painted pedestrian space (5 ft wide); and

WHEREAS, the 5-foot painted sidewalk extension will not take away needed moving lane space, but will allow easier and safer pedestrian activity and ease congestion caused by many people forced to walk in the street; and

WHEREAS NYCDOT did report some concern by some vendors about longer routes to deliver goods, because of parking rule changes; and two audience members expressed general concern about loss of residential parking space in the city;

WHEREAS, however, the proposal provides for no net loss in commercial parking spaces in the immediate area, and the spaces removed from Mott in the affected block between Grand and Hester will be relocated to other blocks on Mott, and divided between loading and metered areas;

THEREFORE, Community Board 2, Manhattan recommends approval of the NYC DOT proposal for Mott Street.

VOTE: Unanimous, with 33 board members in favor

Please advise us of any decision or action taken in response to this resolution.

Sincerely,



David Gruber, Chair
Community Board #2, Manhattan

DG/jrm



Shirley Secunda, Chair
Traffic & Transportation Committee
Community Board #2, Manhattan

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Dear Manhattan Borough Commissioner Forgione:

At its Full Board meeting July 18, 2013, Community Board #2, adopted the following resolution:

**Proposal by NYCDOT for new parking regulations: No Standing on Gansevoort St betw
Greenwich and Washington Sts, N&S sides, 11 pm – 6 am, 7 days/week.**

WHEREAS, this proposal stems from multiple and ongoing neighborhood complaints about honking, congestion and all-night traffic noise in this area of the Meat Market; and

WHEREAS, this proposal also emanates from the 6th Precinct, which seeks to better manage the late-night/early morning traffic crush and which has strongly suggested removing parking, which would ease traffic flow and assist police effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, the problem appears to be created from visitors, not area residents, and the removal of parking will primarily affect these visitors and the drivers who service them, and not our neighbors; and

WHEREAS, this item has been presented previously to the committee in a pre-committee advisory, and was fully supported as a means to relieve nighttime congestion and honking; and

WHEREAS, there were two members of the community, who do not live in the affected area, who were unhappy with the loss of parking spaces; however there was one other comment from a community member with knowledge of the late-night conditions who strongly urged this change in parking;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that Community Board 2, Manhattan recommends approval of this proposal to for No Standing of Gansevoort St, N&S sides, 11 pm – 6 am, 7 days a week; and

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED that CB2, Manhattan, thanks the 6th Precinct for its assistance in trying to manage and relieve this overnight congestion and noise problem in our community.

VOTE: Unanimous, with 33 board members in favor

Please advise us of any decision or action taken in response to this resolution.

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Dear Manhattan Borough Commissioner Forgione:

At its Full Board meeting July 18, 2013, Community Board #2, adopted the following resolution:

Proposal by the NYCDOT for installation of bicycle facilities at the following locations: W Broadway from Canal to Houston St; LaGuardia Pl from Houston St to Wash Sq S; Wash Sq S from Wash Sq W to Wash Sq E; Wash Sq E from Wash Sq S to Was Sq N; Wash Sq N from Wash Sq E to Fifth Av; Broome St from W Broadway to Varick, Varick from Broome to Canal (other portions of this Tribeca-Wash Sq route are outside CB2).

WHEREAS, NYCDOT has generated this proposal to facilitate improved management of bicycle traffic around Washington Square Park and between Tribeca and the park, much of which will codify the bicycle traffic which is already observed using the perimeter park roads and traveling north-south in Lower Manhattan; and

WHEREAS NYCDOT presented a substantial study of the area and the analysis and selection of certain roads for this north-south route for bicycles; and

WHEREAS, the proposed bicycle markings are adapted according to street width and traffic use, so that narrower streets and streets with heavier traffic will have a "shared lane" with painted bicycle demarcations but overlapping a lane still used for traffic, while wider streets will have a delineated or green-painted bicycle lane where there is sufficient room for a 5-foot strip specifically for bicycles apart from motorized traffic, however it will not introduce any bicycle paths which are separated by raised lane markings or dividers; and

WHEREAS the proposal, if adopted, will not affect, change or modify any residential or commercial parking, or remove vehicle moving lanes; and

WHEREAS there were two letters and two members of the community expressing concerns or opposition, but primarily for reasons that were not part of this proposal, such as bicycles inside Washington Square Park, or the placement of docking stations, and seeking the stationing of traffic enforcement officers at Varick and Canal; and

WHEREAS, as this proposal will not change or remove parking, and will primarily guide bicyclists and provide a useful north-south route without altering vehicle traffic, thereby causing minimal effect on other transportation options, such as cars, trucks, pedestrians;

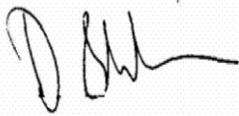
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 2, Manhattan, recommends approval of this proposal for installation of bicycle facilities around Washington Square Park and north-south to Tribeca; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that with regard to Washington Square Park pedestrian crosswalks are clearly indicated where they intersect with bicycle paths and that signs or other markings inform bicycle riders that riding is not permitted on park pathways.

VOTE: Unanimous, with 33 board members in favor.

Please advise us of any decision or action taken in response to this resolution.

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