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Mr. Gerald A. Esposito
District Manager
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Re: Bicycle Facilities on the following streets:

Bedford Avenue between Rogers Avenue and Division Street;
Division Street between Bedford Avenue and Berry Street;
Franklin Avenue between Dean Street and Wallabout Street;
Wythe Avenue between Wallabout Street and North 14th Street;
Banker Street between Nassau Avenue and Franklin Street;
Franklin Street between North 14th Street and Eagle Street;
Eagle Street between West Street and McGuinness Boulevard;
Freeman Street between McGuinness Boulevard and West Street.

Dear Mr. Esposito:

The Department of Transportation has designed bicycle facilities for the streets noted above. Installation of these facilities is currently scheduled to begin in October 2007, weather permitting.

These bicycle routes are part of an unprecedented three-year plan to expand New York City's on-street bicycle network by 200 miles and improve safety for cyclists on New York City streets. Since the Department announced this plan last September, we have already installed nearly 50 miles of new on-street bicycle facilities in Manhattan, Queens, Brooklyn and the Bronx. As this plan moves forward, we are placing a particular focus on providing connections to existing bicycle facilities and to create a backbone of routes throughout the City, especially where density and bicycle ridership are high.

The bicycle facilities in this project will total 8.1 lane miles. These new bicycle routes will be designated by signs and pavement markings. Most segments in this route will consist of an exclusive bicycle lane (class 2): Bedford Avenue between Rogers Avenue and Division Street, Franklin Avenue between Dean Street and Wallabout Street, Wythe Avenue between Wallabout Street and North 14th Street, Banker Street between Nassau Avenue and Franklin Street, Franklin Street between Banker Street and Eagle Street, Eagle Street between West Street and


McGuinness Boulevard, Freeman Street between McGuinness Boulevard and West Street. On the following streets, there will be shared lane markings (Class III): Wythe Avenue between Division Avenue and Clymer Street, Division Street between Bedford Avenue and Berry Street, Franklin Street between North 14th Street and Eagle Street. To accommodate the bicycle lane on Bedford Avenue, one motor vehicle lane will be removed. In addition, the rush hour parking restriction will be eliminated from the west side of Bedford Avenue, making that a full time parking lane.

The Bedford Avenue facility will meet the existing bike lanes on Bedford Avenue south of Rogers Avenue, as well as the bike lanes on Dean, Bergen, and Pacific Streets and St. Marks Avenue which traverse central Brooklyn. The Franklin-Wythe Avenue facility will create a parallel route to Bedford Avenue for southbound travel. Both Bedford Avenue and The Franklin-Wythe Avenue facilities will also connect to the existing bike lane on Berry Street. The facilities on Eagle and Freeman Streets will connect Bedford and Wythe Avenues to Banker Street and Franklin Street, which are east-west connector to the Pulaski Bridge.

For community residents who want a low-cost, convenient and healthful transportation option, these bicycle routes will provide safe and direct route to a wide variety of destinations. All of these bicycle facilities are part of the City's proposed 1,800 lane mile network of on-street bicycle lanes, routes and off-street bicycle paths designated in the 1997 *NYC Bicycle Master Plan*. Bedford Avenue and Franklin Avenue, in particular, are *Master Plan Priority Routes*. Completion of this project will yield a continuous bicycle route of 11 miles in each direction spanning Brooklyn from Sheepshead Bay in the south to the Newtown Creek in the north.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or comments about the design or installation of these bicycle facilities.

Sincerely,



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Borough Commissioner

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