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## **KOPPELL DEMANDS RESIGNATION OR REMOVAL OF JANETTE SADIK-KAHN, COMMISSIONER, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Council Member Oliver Koppell has demanded the resignation or removal of Janette Sadik-Kahn, Commissioner, NYC Department of Transportation, (DOT) because of her refusal to install a left turn signal at the busy intersection of 254<sup>th</sup> Street & Riverdale Avenue, a request he has made for the past four years.

*"Vehicles traveling northbound have great difficulty in making a left turn, especially during the busy morning rush hours from 7:30- 9:30 a.m., because of the volume of traffic coming south from Yonkers, other sections of Westchester and North Riverdale. As a result, there have been many accidents at this location caused by vehicles colliding," Koppell said. Congestion is heaviest during the morning rush hours," he continued, "because 254<sup>th</sup> Street leads to the Metro North station and to SAR, a Jewish Day School."*

Deputy Inspector Pilecki from the Bronx DOT inspected the site with some of his staff and agreed that a left turn signal is needed at this intersection. As a temporary measure, he assigned three traffic officers to the site during the busiest times. However, he said

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that there should be a permanent left turn signal..

John D'Adamo, Captain of the 50<sup>th</sup> Police Precinct, has signed off on Koppell's request, which was also endorsed by the parents of students at PS 81, a neighboring school, and Tony Cassino, Chair of Community Board #8.

Additionally, expressed great disappointment over the long delay in the installation of wood-faced guardrails along the eastern service road of the Henry Hudson Parkway between West 239<sup>th</sup> Street and 246<sup>th</sup> Street, which was slated to be completed in December, but is now delayed until June.

*"Commissioner Sadik-Kahn has shown arrogance and a total disregard for our community's needs and safety," Koppell said. "Her lack of sensitivity and understanding necessitates that she resign or be dismissed."*