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Sent: Tuesday, December 07, 2010 5:40 PM
To: Brad Lander
Cc: Iris Weinshall; david.goodman@nytimes.com; Vacca, James; Levin, Stephen; Marty Markowitz
Subject: today's new york times piece

hey brad,

i dont mind your strident advocacy for the ppw bike lane, even though we disagree about whether alternative more effective and safer configurations could have been deployed. but i was a bit surprised by your seemingly strident characterization of the breakfast meeting iris and i had with you. perhaps the reporter missed some of what you said he had space constraints.

but since you apparently sent him an email describing our discussion, it should be simple enough for you to let us know precisely what you told him. for example, did you tell him iris and i were clear and emphatic that we are not opposed to bike lanes rather we've been supportive, that we thought the current configuration was proving to be dangerous and that we were awaiting the agencies promised evaluation before rushing to judgement. but if adjustments were necessary we thought implementing either the paired one way lanes contemplated by the city's bike master plan or an in-park solution would provide the hoped for bicycling benefits less any safety risks currently being observed.

and oh yes, did you point out we praised you for your effort to gauge community sentiment through the survey instrument despite some inherent flaws we identified; or did you point out how the survey was abruptly ended with the only public mention the day before on streetsblog thereby denying our 600 plus verified neighbors in the ppw corridor to have their voices heard and opinions registered in your electronic survey.

i hope when you speak about the issue in other fora and you feel compelled to represent my view you do it accurately. i was impressed with your forthrightness when we met. please dont disappoint me. and lets do try to collaborate to improve the quality of life of our park slope neighbors.

best regards,

norman