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Dear Community Board 2 Transportation Committee,

We are asking to come to the next available Community Board 2 Transportation Committee meeting to request your support in calling on the NYCDOT to study the installation of bicycle and pedestrian safety improvements on Atlantic Avenue from the waterfront to Fourth Avenue within the Atlantic Avenue Business Improvement District. We are asking the committee to vote for a study by the DOT on this matter.

The neighborhoods on either side of Atlantic Avenue boom with residential and commercial activity. Foot and bicycle traffic along the street has increased dramatically. Improved safety along this corridor would greatly benefit the communities affected. Your recent assistance securing Park Smart technology on Atlantic Avenue has helped enhance curbside commercial activity. Today, we write to request that Community Board 2 extend your support and leadership in bringing even more ambitious safety and aesthetic improvements to our central commercial thoroughfare.

The Department of Transportation could study the installation of pedestrian and bicycle amenities to make Atlantic Avenue, between the waterfront and Fourth Avenue, a street that prioritizes street safety and local businesses more. Specifically, we would love to see the following improvements considered in a study of this stretch of Atlantic Avenue:

- Signal timing that discourages speeding in the corridor
- Leading pedestrian intervals in intersections in addition to existing LPIs at Clinton Street, 3rd Avenue and 4th Avenue at Atlantic.
- Bus bulb outs at stops along the corridor
- An enhanced shared bike route (class 3 greenway) along the outer lanes to provide a safe space for bikes

All of these design changes would contribute to reduced speeding, boost foot traffic and make Atlantic Avenue a more appealing destination for visitors and residents alike. Similar pedestrian and bicycle improvements in other areas have led to a reduction in vehicular crashes and improvements in retail sales.

We look forward to working with you to make these improvements a reality and to continue making Atlantic Avenue and its surrounding neighborhoods a friendly, safe, and economically viable community.

Sincerely,

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