Great. She'll be out there with petitions, I guarantee it.

--- On Tue, 6/29/10, Louise Hainline wrote:

Carole - The biker didn't even stop to help you get up?? So sorry to hear about your injury; the first thing you must do is call 311 and report the incident and get a reference number. They count these and in theory follow up on them. Lois is a great help, and will still be in email contact in Canada. We're assembling a working group to deal with reaching out to the residents, the politicians and the media, but doing anything by remote committee is slow, and some in a working group work more than others, so it's taking some effort. But please tell your story to as many as you contact. Lois will send a copy of the flyer and petition, as well as a list of contacts. Please at least email all with a version of your letter as it describes effectively what people are now putting up with out there on the street. We're being called "hysterical" by the avid bikers for citing safety as an issue.

The biking community is not homogeneous, and we're also detecting that low-level recreational bikers and biking parents with kids are beginning to reassess the actual, not the theoretical situation. We need you and everyone else to help us make the case.

Schumer can't help much with this issue, but I have seen him and he doesn't like the lane. Joan Millman who is NYS Assembly has also been supportive, but the real power in this case is, as Lois says, with the Mayor and DOT, with Community Board 6 being used as cover, as they voted for it, though not unanimously, as I have seen claimed on some blogs.

Hope you recover quickly. If you don't mind, we'll add you to our email list for future updates.

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