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July 12, 2012

Mr. Ed Surmenian

Woodside, NY 11377

Dear Mr. Surmenian,

Thank you for contacting our office regarding the speeding in your neighborhood. I received a written response from the Department of Transportation (DOT) in reference to the operation of traffic signals at the intersections on Broadway between 69th Street and Northern Boulevard. Findings by DOT indicate that the signals operate accordingly as designed along Broadway. Speeding is an enforcement issue that has to be referred to the New York City Police Department (NYPD). My office has contacted the NYPD regarding this matter and I will continue working to ensure that streets are safe for our community. Please find a copy of the letters enclosed.

If you have any questions or additional concerns please contact Andres Villa, Constituent Liaison, at (718) 383-9566 or avilla@council.nyc.gov.

Sincerely,

Jimmy Van Bramer
New York City Council Member

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Michael Sileo, TS3
Traffic Manager
New York Police Department (NYPD)
Queens North Traffic Enforcement, Command T-401
135-20 32nd Avenue
Flushing, NY 11354

Dear Traffic Manager Sileo,

Mr. Ed Surmenian contacted my office concerning motorists frequently speeding down Broadway, specifically between 69th Street & Northern Boulevard. According to Mr. Surmenian, speeding always occurs during morning and afternoon rush hours. He states that vehicles speed through lights, all the way to and from Northern Boulevard, with no regard for pedestrians and other motorists.

I request the 108th Precinct monitors this location for speeding and takes proper action against violators. This area is considered unsafe for the community and must be addressed as a priority.

Sincerely,

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May 31, 2012

The Honorable James Van Bramer
Council Member, 26th District
47-01 Queens Boulevard, Suite 205
Sunnyside, New York 11104

Dear Council Member Bramer:

This is in response to your March 23rd letter on behalf of Mr. Ed Surmenian regarding the operation of the traffic signals at the intersections on Broadway between 69th Street and Northern Boulevard.

An investigation completed last month found these signals operating properly as designed. During our investigation, we did not observe any speeding problems. We do not believe that it is an effective engineering practice to control speeding by staggering the sequence of traffic signals. Speeding is an enforcement issue and should be referred to the NYPD for their attention. Therefore, no signal timing changes are recommended at this time.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maura McCarthy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized loop at the end.

Maura McCarthy
Queens Borough Commissioner

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