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Polly Trottenberg  
Commissioner  
New York City Department of Transportation  
55 Water Street  
New York, NY 10041

William Bratton  
Commissioner  
New York City Police Department  
1 Police Plaza  
New York, NY 10038

Dear Commissioners Trottenberg and Bratton:

I write to share with you, and the members of the Mayor's Vision Zero Task Force, the results of this morning's inaugural Manhattan Borough Service Cabinet meeting, the agenda of which was focused on transportation safety and reducing traffic related injuries and fatalities. Each District Manager compiled the enclosed preliminary list of 'hotspots' within their community board districts that would benefit from further attention and analysis.

Because each Community Board used its own criteria to develop its list, this cumulative list of intersections may contain areas where there are objective reasons for concerns and/or subjective reasons for concern. Some reasons given by Community Boards for inclusion of certain locations on their lists include, but are not limited to: (1) the location has been the site of pedestrian casualty and injury; (2) the location has been the site of speeding; (3) there may be crossing problems at the location due to turn off and signal timing; (4) signage at the location may be missing or obstructed; (5) there may be traffic enforcement issues at the site; (6) conditions and detours due to construction may exist; (7) there may be concerns over the width of an avenue and the time it takes to cross; (8) an intersection may have complex characteristics; and (9) other factors that may impact pedestrian safety. This list is not meant to be exhaustive or definitive, and was not voted on by the Borough Board, but represents community input to help inform the Task Force work ahead.

In addition, the availability of DOT and NYPD traffic and crash data was discussed in detail. Several of the district managers requested that the format of the data be more accessible and uniform. As you know, many advocates have expressed frustration with the way that NYPD has historically published many datasets in static, PDF formats. As the sponsor of NYC's Open Data Law, I would urge NYPD and all City agencies to publish real-time data in open, machine-readable formats, such as CSV or Excel.



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Lastly, it's essential that the proper resources be dedicated to implementation and enforcement to meet these directives. I look forward to working with you and the Mayor on improving safety in our neighborhoods and actualizing the Task Force's blueprint.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you require additional information, contact Aldrin Bonilla, Deputy Borough President, at 212-669-8300.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gale A. Brewer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G" and "A".

Gale A. Brewer

Enclosure