September 12th, 2014

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

Dear Commissioner Trottenberg:

I am writing to you on behalf of my constituents regarding requests that have emerged from several community mapping workshops.

As you know, I strongly support the rapid implementation of protected bike lanes and pedestrian safety amenities throughout my district.

The absence of bike routes in my district daily affects the many residents who rely on the bike as their primary mode of efficient, affordable transport. To address these challenges, my office sponsored a couple community-lead Vision Zero Street Safety Workshop, where my district’s constituents gathered to determine what street improvements should be prioritized in 2015.

I call on you to work with community groups and other stakeholders to advocate for major extensions of the bike network as well as pedestrian improvements. An integrated network of safe bike lanes and pedestrian-friendly ‘Complete Streets’ would drastically reduce fatalities and injuries in my district, making Queens a more vibrant place in which to walk, bike, work and commute.

Below are the top level requests that emerged from the community mapping workshops. The following request list is not exhaustive, but rather presents the priority requests for street redesigns generated by community members.

**Bike Lane Requests**
- **111th** Street *(37th Ave and Horace Harding Expressway)*
- Roosevelt Avenue *(at minimum to 111th Street from 82nd Street)*
- **114th** Street *(34th Avenue to 44th Avenue)*
- **30th** Avenue *(30th Avenue to 97th Street)*
- **23rd** Ave connection to Ditmars Blvd and south to **114th** Street
- 44th Ave *(connecting to FMCP entrance at 111th & 46th Ave)*
- 45th Ave *(connecting to FMCP entrance at 111th & 46th Ave)*
• **General Bike Route Requests:**
  o Identity N/S bike lanes with potential to connect Roosevelt Ave & Broadway to Queens Boulevard
  o Identify N/S bike routes with potential to create connecting paths between Grand Central Pkwy and Long Island Expressway
  o Identify E/W bike routes with the potential to connect paths between Brooklyn Queens Exp. and Junction Boulevard

**Bike Parking Requests**
• Roosevelt Avenue (along entirety of 7-train line)

**Pedestrian Improvement Corridors**
• Astoria Blvd, (81st Street and 111th Street)
• Northern Boulevard, between 94th Street to 114th Street
• Roosevelt Ave, between 82nd Street to 114th Street
• 82nd Street, between 23rd Avenue and Roosevelt Avenue
• 111th Street (37th avenue and Saultell Ave; speed bumps, repainted crosswalks, traffic lights needed btw 46th and 52nd Street, implement roundabouts at 41st St.)
• 97th Street (Astoria Blvd to 23rd Avenue)
• Train ramp at Citi field open at all times for ADA access and non-stair access.
• Saultell, 111th St. & Corona Avenue junction (Speed bumps and roundabout)

**Slow Zone Requests**
• Slow zone along 111th Street, beginning at 46 Ave to Horace Harding Expressway, from 111th Street to 108 Street
• Slow Zone around P.S. 330 (boundaries to be determined)

Under the circumstances, I would appreciate your reviewing this information and sharing your thoughts with me.

Sincerely,

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Council Member, 21st District, Queens
Chair, City Council Finance Committee