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Council member Margaret Chin urges DOT to improve safety at Greenwich Street crossings

New York, NY – Today, Council member Margaret Chin wrote to Commissioner Janette Sadik-Khan calling on the DOT to immediately install a stop sign or traffic light at the intersection of Duane and Greenwich Streets in Tribeca.

“The delay in improving the safety conditions at this dangerous intersection is unacceptable,” said Council member Margaret Chin. “Despite pressure from the community, elected officials, and studies by the DOT; the measures to slow traffic on Greenwich have not made the street safer for the hundreds of mothers, children, and families who live and work in the area.”

“The DOT must ensure that Greenwich Street is safe for pedestrians, many of whom are children. This is my top priority and will take precedence over any of DOT’s activities in lower Manhattan.”

In recent years the residential population in Tribeca has changed dramatically. There are now two elementary schools on Greenwich Street, in addition to daycares, parks and playgrounds. Since 2000, nine pedestrians have been injured at the intersection of Greenwich and Duane, and last week, a 3-year old child was struck by a cab while standing in the cross walk.