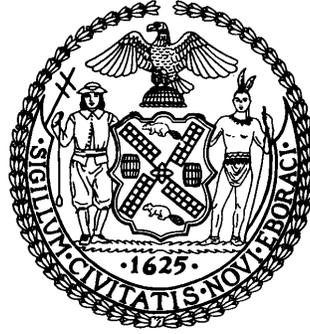




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Ms. Dalila Hall
Queens Borough Commissioner
NYC Department of Transportation
120-55 Queens Blvd. #285
Kew Gardens, NY 11424

Dear Commissioner Hall,

Thank you for attending the Pedestrian Safety Town Hall in Astoria on March 19, 2014 to inform our constituents on the most recent efforts by the Department of Transportation and the New York Police Department 114th Precinct to further improve pedestrian safety in our community. We much appreciated you serving on the panel. Your participation was invaluable and we thank you for listening and addressing many of our constituents' concerns.

Over 120 residents came out to hear from our panelists because there is strong concern from our community about how best we can move forward in making our streets safer for all. We would like to highlight several of the important issues that arose that evening and provide you the additional questions that residents did not have an opportunity to ask given the time constraints.

We would appreciate your feedback on the additional questions below.

- How are city agencies working together to implement Vision Zero directives? How has the DOT implemented better planning decisions so far?
- When do anticipate there being traffic calming implementations along 21st Street? What measures do you think would work best for this corridor?
- When do we anticipate traffic calming implementations along 20th Avenue?
- Would 21st Avenue be an ideal candidate for a slow-zone between 28 Street and 21st Street?
- What types of planning improvements can be used on the intersection of 31 Street & Astoria Blvd.?
- How will the DOT under the new Vision Zero paradigm determine which intersections merit

street lights, countdown clocks, speed bumps, or any other traffic safety measures?

- What can be done to push back against reckless drivers who don't follow speed limits?
- If a resident is concerned about the safety of a particular intersection or street, what is the best course of action for them to follow?
- What is the status of the sidewalk build-out at 33rd Street and 30th Avenue discussed when Community Board 1 rejected the pedestrian plaza there?

We look forward to hearing your response and continue to work with you as we address pedestrian safety in our neighborhoods. Please feel free to contact our offices if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,



Joseph Crowley
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