



Department of Transportation

POLLY TROTTENBERG, Commissioner

January 30, 2014

The Honorable Helen Rosenthal
Council Member, 6th District
563 Columbus Avenue
New York, New York 10024

The Honorable Mark Levine
Council Member, 7th District
1638 Amsterdam Avenue
New York, New York 10031

Dear Council Members Rosenthal and Levine:

I am writing in response to your letter of request regarding pedestrian safety improvements at the location of West 97th Street and West End Avenue.

Pedestrian safety is a primary concern for the Department of Transportation and will continue to be addressed through the 'Vision Zero' public safety initiative. As per your request, we will install yield to pedestrian signage at the aforementioned location in the next few days. We will also daylight the curb on the south-side of 97th Street approaching West End Avenue. The Leading Pedestrian Interval (LPI) has also already been extended from 6 up to 12-seconds, completed last week. A comprehensive evaluation of the signal timing on 97th Street, heading west-bound from Broadway towards West End Avenue, will also be completed in the coming weeks. We will follow up with you as soon as this study has been completed.

Thank you for contacting DOT regarding these issues. Please let us know if you should have any further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Forgione".

Margaret Forgione
Manhattan Borough Commissioner

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c: E. Caputo, Chair of Community Board 7