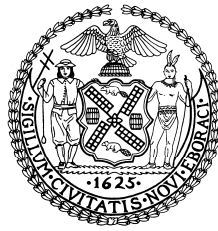


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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

October 20, 2016

Luis H. Sanchez, PE
Acting Manhattan Borough Commissioner
NYC Department of Transportation
59 Maiden Lane, 35th Flr.
New York, NY 10038

Re: Request for a new crosswalk and stop sign at the intersection of East 78th Street and Cherokee Place

Dear Commissioner Sanchez:

At the October 19, 2016 Full Board meeting, the board unanimously **approved** the following resolution:

Resolution 5-A (Crosswalk & Stop Sign)

WHEREAS East 78th Street between York Avenue and the FDR Drive is a densely populated residential block with a busy park, a school, and a heavily trafficked bridge providing pedestrian and bicycle access to the East River Esplanade; and

WHEREAS cars coming from the FDR Drive service road speed west on 78th Street, toward the traffic light at York Avenue; and

WHEREAS there is no way to safely and legally cross 78th Street at Cherokee Place, although many people cross there anyway instead of walking a block west to the intersection of York Avenue; and

WHEREAS the intersection of East 78th Street & York Avenue is unusual and dangerous, with two sets of one-way traffic flowing toward each other in opposite directions as they approach York Avenue (a two-way street), where all vehicles are required to turn either north or south, and where a pedestrian was killed in a motor-vehicle collision in January 2016; and

WHEREAS adding an east-facing stop sign and north-south crosswalk on the eastern side of the intersection of East 78th Street & Cherokee Place will improve pedestrian safety and introduce a legal north-south crossing at this intersection;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8M strongly requests that the NYC Department of Transportation install an east-facing stop sign and a north-south crosswalk on the eastern side of the intersection of East 78th Street and Cherokee Place.

Please advise this office of any action taken regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

James G. Clynes

A. Scott Falk and Charles Warren

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