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The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan

March 23, 2026

Danielle Zuckerman
Borough Commissioner
Department of Transportation
59 Maiden Lane, 37th Floor New York, NY 10038

RE: 63rd Street and 2nd Avenue Lane Configuration

Dear Borough Commissioner Zuckerman,

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on March 18, 2026, the board unanimously approved the following resolution by a vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

WHEREAS, following an October 2025 presentation to Community Board 8, NYCDOT has implemented changes to the intersection of East 63rd Street and 2nd Avenue that include the removal of a pedestrian fence, a split-phase signal, and a reconfiguration of traffic that includes two dedicated left-turn lanes and one through lane; and

WHEREAS, concerns were raised during the October 2025 meeting that the changes would result in increased congestion; and

WHEREAS, since being implemented, residents and users of the intersection have reported experiencing increased traffic congestion horn honking; and

WHEREAS, the two left-turn lanes create unnecessary congestion as vehicles intending to go straight are delayed behind vehicles turning left, particularly given the delayed green phase required for the pedestrian crosswalk; and

WHEREAS, a new school is opening in March 2026 at 307 East 63rd Street between the bridge exit and Second Avenue, which will add buses and parent drop-off/pickup traffic and further exacerbate congestion concerns; and

WHEREAS, a configuration with one left-turn only lane and two straight-through only lanes would better match actual traffic patterns and reduce congestion; and

WHEREAS, the demand for two left turn lanes in in conflict with the manner in which vehicles exiting the upper level of the Queensboro Bridge are likely to behave based on the proximity of the congestion pricing toll zone and it being the only free option for entering Community District 8 from Queens;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board 8 Manhattan calls on the New York City Department of Transportation to configure the intersection at 63rd Street and Second Avenue with one left-turn only lane and two straight-through only lanes.

Please advise our office of any action taken on this matter.

Sincerely,

Valerie S. Mason *Craig Lader and Charles Warren*

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Co-Chairs, Transportation Committee

cc: Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor of New York
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Honorable Jerrold Nadler, 12th Congressional District Representative
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