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The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan

September 17, 2026

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

RE: NYCDOT Proposed School Zone Speed Restrictions

Dear Borough Commissioner Zuckerman,

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on September 16, 2026, the board unanimously approved the following resolution by a vote of 39 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

> **WHEREAS** The New York City Department of Transportation has notified Community Board 8 Manhattan of its intent to implement a 15 MPH speed limit on East 76th Street between York Avenue and the FDR Drive; and
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> **WHEREAS** the proposed 15 MPH speed limit will be in effect 24 hours a day, 7 days a week; and
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> **WHEREAS** East 76th Street is a bi-directional street with a dead end in which two schools are present: Lycée Français de New York and The Town School; and
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> **WHEREAS** the proposed speed limit change is permitted under Sammy's Law, which authorizes the city to establish reduced speed zones around schools; and
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> **WHEREAS** the dead-end nature of this block and the presence of two schools support a lower speed limit; and
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> **WHEREAS** Mayor Mamdani has announced plans to implement 15 MPH slow zones at all eligible NYC Schools by the end of 2030; and
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> **WHEREAS** as of September 2026, only three 15 MPH school zones have been implemented in Community District 8;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8 Manhattan approves the proposed 15 MPH speed limit on East 76th Street between York Avenue and the FDR Drive as permitted under Sammy's Law.

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
Honorable Zohran Mamdani, Mayor of the City of New York
Honorable Brad Hoylman-Sigal, Manhattan Borough President
Honorable Jerrold Nadler, 12th Congressional District Representative
Honorable Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 28th Senatorial District
Honorable José M. Serrano, NYS Senator, 29th Senatorial District
Honorable Edward Gibbs, NYS Assembly Member, 68th Assembly District
Honorable Alex Bores, NYS Assembly Member, 73rd Assembly District
Honorable Rebecca Seawright, NYS Assembly Member, 76th Assembly District
Honorable Julie Menin, Speaker, NYC Council, 5th Council District
Honorable Virginia Maloney, NYC Council Member, 4th Council District
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