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Dear Elected Officials:

I am writing in response to your letter regarding the Clinton/Hell's Kitchen Neighborhood Traffic Study which covers the area between West 29th and West 55th Streets and from Eighth Avenue to the Hudson River.

The study will remain active until all four of the critical items outlined in your letter have been reviewed. A final report will be released containing detailed information about study findings and recommendations for improvements; however, some individual items may require further study in the future.

The first item regarding intersections with high pedestrian fatalities will be addressed in Section 4.2. This year we will implement improvements to two dangerous intersections: 43^{rd} at Ninth Avenue and 41^{st} at Ninth Avenue. This year we will also continue to study the remaining intersections to determine appropriate action for 2015.

The second item regarding improved bus service and congestion alleviation with alternate traffic configurations and appropriate signage will be addressed in Section 4.7. We will review the aforementioned location of Eleventh Avenue north of West 44th Street and determine feasibility for implementation in 2015. These improvements are likely to be approved.

The third item regarding traffic congestion relief at the location of West 42nd Street and Ninth Avenue via a peak period contra-flow bus lane on Dyer Avenue will be addressed in Section 4.8. We will continue to review this proposal in 2014, but there are a number of challenges requiring further review.

The fourth item regarding NYPD and Port Authority commitment to enhanced enforcement for public safety will be addressed throughout various sections of the report.

Thank you for your interest in these matters. We greatly appreciate your input toward improving the safety of our City streets and achieving the 'Vision Zero' initiative. Please let us know if you should have any further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Margaret Forgione

Manhattan Borough Commissioner

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