

Department of Transportation

POLLY TROTTENBERG, Commissioner

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Ms. Christine Berthet, co-founder Mr. Martin Treat, co-founder Chekpeds 348 West 38th Street New York, NY 10018

Dear Ms. Berthet and Mr. Treat:

Thank you for providing the Department of Transportation (DOT) with a copy of your December 15, 2016 letter to Madelyn Wils, President and CEO of the Hudson River Park Trust, concerning pedestrian safety at several intersections along the Hudson River Greenway.

New Yorkers deserve and expect safe streets. Through Mayor de Blasio's Vision Zero plan, the City has made a bold commitment to improve street safety in every neighborhood and in every borough – with expanded enforcement, new street designs and configurations, public education, increased penalties for dangerous drivers, and the lowering of the citywide speed limit to 25 miles per hour (unless otherwise posted). DOT established a Pedestrian Safety Action Plan for each borough, which provides a comprehensive set of actions for DOT, NYPD, and other agencies in achieving Vision Zero initiatives. The Borough Pedestrian Safety Action Plans are available on the DOT website at http://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/pedestrians/ped-safety-action-plan.shtml.

DOT's Office of Bicycle and Pedestrian Programs is currently evaluating traffic conditions along the intersection in Battery Park to identify possible safety improvements. As we evaluate these treatments, we will apply what we have learned to other intersections along the corridor.

We look forward to working with you on improving safety along the Greenway. Thank you for sharing your concerns with us.

Sincerely,

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Manhattan Borough Commissioner

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