

November 6, 2003

Honorable Margaret Forgione  
Manhattan Borough Commissioner  
New York City Department of Transportation  
40 Worth Street, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10013

**Re: Request for Traffic Study on the West 400 Block of 25<sup>th</sup> St.**

Dear Borough Commissioner Forgione:

At its full board meeting on November 5, 2003, Manhattan Community Board No. 4 voted to request that the Department of Transportation conduct a traffic study on the West 400 block of 25<sup>th</sup> Street, with special consideration of the installation of speed control devices.

The Chelsea Recreation Center sits in the middle of the south side of the block, across the street from the Elliott Chelsea Houses. The opening of the recreation center later this year will lead to a significant increase in the number of people, especially children, crossing the street midblock.

Traffic on the block is especially heavy in the late afternoon when trucks and cars rush to make the light at Tenth Avenue on their way to their garages or the Lincoln Tunnel. Unfortunately, this is also the after-school period when more children will be crossing the street to or from the recreation center.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Walter Mankoff". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Walter Mankoff  
Chair  
Manhattan Community Board No. 4