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Margaret Forgione  
Manhattan Borough Commissioner  
NYC Department of Transportation  
59 Maiden Lane, 37th Floor  
New York, NY 10038

**Re: Request for Trailing Turn Signal at West 57<sup>th</sup> Street and Ninth Avenue**

Dear Borough Commissioner Forgione:

Manhattan Community Board 4(CB4) requests pedestrian safety improvements at the intersection of West 57<sup>th</sup> Street and Ninth Avenue, where the current signal timing does not allow for safe pedestrian crossing of Ninth Avenue on the south side. We recommended such improvements in our comments to the West Side Traffic Study, in a letter dated June 2012.

West 57<sup>th</sup> Street is a two way street and as a result pedestrians who cross West 57<sup>th</sup> Street with the walk signal, are in conflict with drivers turning southbound onto 9th Avenue. In fact there have been ten (10) pedestrian injuries over the last 12 months at this dangerous intersection.

The green arrow for the westbound traffic to turn south onto Ninth Avenue, should be changed from leading to trailing, to remove the conflicts with the pedestrians crossing on the south side of Ninth Avenue. A similar configuration was recently installed at West 42<sup>nd</sup> Street and Ninth Avenue with very satisfactory results.

We appreciate your cooperation in expediting this request to improve the safety and traffic conditions at this dangerous intersection.

Sincerely,

Christine Berthet  
Chair

Jay Marcus  
Co-Chair, Transportation  
Planning Committee

[signed 1/8/14]  
Ernest Modarelli  
Co-Chair, Transportation  
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