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

Re: Audible Crosswalk Installation to Accommodate Senior Community in 10th, 9th, 8th Aves at 50th & 51st Streets

Dear Commissioner Forgione:

Manhattan Community Board 4 would like to request the installation of several audible crosswalks. The Encore Senior Center is located at 239 West 49th Street. It serves free and low-cost meals to hundreds of senior citizens daily within Community District 4. Specifically, there is a significant community of senior citizens throughout the Hudson View Terrace which encompasses 747 10th Avenue and the surrounding city block.

Everyday hundreds of senior citizens brave dangerous intersections on Tenth, Ninth and Eighth Avenues in order to receive their meals and additional senior services. Concerns have also been raised citing the particular safety concerns of seniors living with limited vision and blindness. Manhattan Community Board 4 therefore respectfully requests that the Department of Transportation install audible crosswalks at the following intersections, as feasible:

- 10th Avenue at 50th & 51st Street*
- 9th Avenue at 50th & 51st Street*
- 8th Avenue at 50th & 51st Street*

Manhattan Community Board 4 commends the Department of Transportation for its sustained commitment to pedestrian safety and looks forward to working together on this issue.

Sincerely yours,

Corey Johnson
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