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Resolution on safety enhancements in the vicinity of the River School

At the December 12, 2018 Full Board meeting of Manhattan Community Board Six, the Board adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, PS281-The River School, a Pre-K through 5th Grade Public School with 339 students, is sandwiched between 1st Avenue and the FDR Drive at 425 East 35th Street;

WHEREAS, children attending PS281-The River School, with their parents, families, and caregivers, are walking daily in the heavily congested areas around the school from East 34th to East 36th Street between 1st Avenue and the East River Greenway;

WHEREAS, many of these pedestrians must cross beneath the FDR Drive at East 34th and East 35th Streets along the East River Greenway, as well as other heavily trafficked crossings in the area;

WHEREAS, eastbound vehicular traffic turning north at East 34th Street and the FDR Drive directly conflicts with pedestrians using the intersection's north crosswalk;

WHEREAS, drivers making right turns from East 35th Street to 1st Avenue are aggressive and, at times, traveling at high speed;

WHEREAS, Manhattan Community Board Six (CB6) would like to support providing safe access to the PS281-The River School and for all pedestrians along the East River Greenway, and has many serious concerns about the dangerous conditions along the FDR Drive from East 34th to East 36th Street;

WHEREAS, a December 20, 2016, CB6 resolution supports upgrading safety measures for the East River Greenway in this area and the additional area from East 25th to East 34th Street;

WHEREAS, it is assumed that school safety crossing guards provide safety for students and pedestrians;

WHEREAS, the April 2019 L train closure will greatly increase pedestrian traffic along the East River Greenway in this area;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB6 strongly supports the NYC Department of Transportation and the NYPD School Safety Division adding school zone signage and other traffic calming interventions;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CB6 strongly recommends that school crossing guards be located at East 35th Street & 1st Avenue and East 34th Street & 1st Avenue;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CB6 urgently requests a review of the traffic conditions along the FDR Drive and 1st Avenue from East 34th to East 36th Street to calm traffic and better guide pedestrian and bicycle traffic in the area.

VOTE: 38 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

Best regards,



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Cc: Hon. Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President
Hon. Carlina Rivera, Council Member
Hon. Keith Powers, Council Member
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