



January 11, 2024

Dear Commissioner Foley,

Thank you for your response to our previous coalition letter. The East Tremont Coalition is excited that the new timeline for the reconstruction of West Farms Square was announced. We are appreciative of the preliminary presentations given to Bronx Community Board 6 and the Bronx River Greenway Team.

As this project has been funded since 2008 but has faced a series of delays in 2015, 2018, and 2022 - this coalition is interested in the timely completion of the project. There have been 179 reported injuries in the project area since CrashMapper.org started tracking data in 2011, as well as 1 death in the summer of 2022. The current conditions of these intersections are hostile to people walking, biking, and driving - and the intersection is long overdue for an upgrade.

Given the new timeline, please look out for check-in emails from Bronx Community Board 6 and the Bronx River Greenway Team on behalf of the East Tremont Coalition:

- **January 2024 - update on design completion status**
- March 2024 - update on contractor selection status / process
- May 2024 - update on contractor award status
- August 2024 - construction start and construction liaison status

Given that the project timeline indicated that design would be completed in January 2024, we ask that DDC provide an update on the status of design completion.

We will also be working directly with the Bronx Department of Transportation Office to address possible safety solutions in the short term, such as exclusive pedestrian intervals and plastic bollard placements. We also look to the DDC to ensure that the intersection is safe for all road users, especially people walking, biking, and using public transit.

We look forward to this project and the improvements it will bring to the neighborhood.

Sincerely,

The East Tremont Coalition



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Bronx Community Board 6 members are extremely concerned with the ongoing delays in East Tremont / Boston Road / Devoe Avenue street redesign project. As you are aware, NYC allocated \$16 million dollars toward this project in 2008, and after a series of human errors in the design, scope, and coordination for this project, there is nothing to show for it. Since 2011, there have been 179 reported injuries at this location and one death last summer. The injuries and death of Bronx residents are a direct result of the bureaucracy that has allowed this project to stall for 15 years. The Board will be referring this project to the NYC Comptroller for a potential audit.

Bronx Community Board 6's office was provided a brief update this winter from DDC, after a News12 TV segment aired on the dangers of this intersection. The briefing essentially relayed the fact that the project was delayed due to human error, and that a contract for a redesign will be issued again. We do not believe this update to be sufficient given the scale of this project and amount of public dollars that have been wasted. The Board asks that a summary be provided in writing, of DDC's efforts to complete this project, including the state of the project when it was transferred from DOT to DDC and DDC's efforts since transfer of responsibility. We ask that this information also be relayed at a Bronx Community Board 6 Transportation Committee meeting, so that a public record of the meeting can be created.

Lastly, the Board requests that DDC take every step possible to expedite the renovations at this intersection. We ask that this project be expedited and prioritized over any conflicting public works projects that arise.

Regards,

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