



February 14, 2017

Polly Trottenberg  
Commissioner  
New York City Department of Transportation  
55 Water Street, 9th Floor  
New York, NY 10041

Dear Commissioner Trottenberg,

We write regarding pedestrian and vehicle mobility in Lower Manhattan. Since 9/11 and Hurricane Sandy, Lower Manhattan has bounced back and grown to become a thriving commercial district and residential community. In order to maintain this success, we must think critically about how the streetscape can support future growth. For this reason, we join the Financial District Neighborhood Association and Community Board 1 in requesting a comprehensive mobility study for Lower Manhattan to better understand how people and goods move throughout Lower Manhattan.

Lower Manhattan has experienced tremendous growth in the past 15 years. The residential population has more than doubled, and thousands of apartments are scheduled to be built over the next several years. In addition, Lower Manhattan's commercial sector is experiencing tremendous success. Over the next five years, research from Downtown Alliance projects businesses creating over 2.3 million square feet of new retail space and constructing nearly 4,000 hotel rooms, as well as leasing millions of square feet of office space. In addition, New York City has more tourists than ever before, with many popular sightseeing locations in Lower Manhattan.

Lower Manhattan's popularity inevitably increases pressure on the area's streetscape, the design of which remains a vestige of the city's earliest days. As a result, broad thinking and innovative solutions are required to ensure this community's growth for businesses and retailers, public transportation, emergency and private vehicles, pedestrians, bicycles, and all who depend on this thriving community.

We hope you are able to support this study. Should you have any further questions, please contact our offices.

Sincerely,

Daniel Squadron  
State Senator

Yuh-Line Niou  
Assemblymember

Jerrold Nadler  
Congressmember

Gale Brewer  
Manhattan Borough President

Deborah Glick  
Assemblymember

Margaret Chin  
Councilmember