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Ydanis Rodriguez, Commissioner  
NYC Department of Transportation  
55 Water Street, 9<sup>th</sup> floor  
New York, New York 10041

Dear Commissioner Rodriguez,

I am writing regarding the concerns of hundreds of Prospect Heights residents who signed a petition protesting the construction of the bike boulevard on Underhill Avenue. This week alone, my office received dozens of calls and emails from residents regarding this project.

I support the efforts of DOT to make our streets safer and expand public spaces throughout the City but believe in this instance more community consultation may be warranted. I was involved in the installation of the Borough's first bike boulevard in Greenwood Heights. That experience made it clear to me that when redesigning and reimagining our streets, we must seek the input of the full community in order for the changes to be embraced and successful.

My strong recommendation is that before moving forward DOT hold a meeting as soon as possible with the concerned residents and make a good faith effort to address their concerns. As you know, the Prospect Heights neighborhood is already contending with a major ongoing water main construction project that has closed streets, clogged traffic and eliminated parking. In addition, Prospect Heights is a neighborhood that suffers four days of alternate side of the street parking and as you are aware, I have made a proposal to DSNY and DOT to limit alternate side of the street parking to two days a week in an effort to alleviate parking stress for residents.

I look forward to working with DOT to come up with a time to meet and address the concerns of the residents of Underhill Avenue and the adjacent blocks. I am sure that working together a way can be found so that the project can successfully strike the right balance in addressing the interests of

pedestrians, cyclists, seniors with mobility issues, parents with young children and motorists.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert Carroll', written in a cursive style.

Assemblymember Robert Carroll

cc: Ryan Lynch, Chief of Staff, NYC DOT  
Keith Bray, Brooklyn Borough Commissioner, NYC DOT  
Soledad Lopez, Executive Assistant to the Commissioner, NYC DOT