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Maura McCarthy  
Queens Borough Commissioner  
Department of Transportation  
120-55 Queens Boulevard  
Kew Gardens, NY 11424

RE: Proposed One-Way in Woodhaven

Dear Commissioner McCarthy,

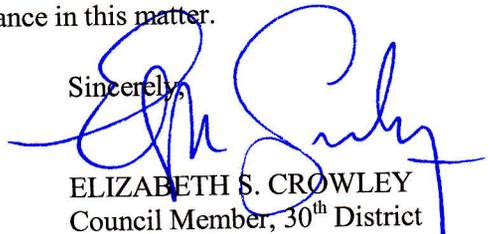
A recent proposal to change a traffic pattern in Woodhaven threatens to both isolate and frustrate the residents of a community in my Council District. I am writing to ask the Department of Transportation to drop the proposal of turning the currently two-way 89<sup>th</sup> Avenue into a one way, eastbound road.

PS 306 sits at the intersection of 89<sup>th</sup> Ave and 98<sup>th</sup> St. By making 89<sup>th</sup> Avenue one way eastbound, it will box in eastern Woodhaven and cause the residents on 97<sup>th</sup> St. to suffer an enormous increase in traffic since all car and bus traffic leaving the school would be obliged to go east on 89<sup>th</sup> Ave and turn south on 97<sup>th</sup> Street. The change will also divert traffic onto the congested two way 91<sup>st</sup> Avenue which has a difficult turn onto the Woodhaven Blvd overpass that is located at this intersection. May I point out this significant consideration as the PS 306 school zone stretches directly southwest into Ozone Park and does not include many Woodhaven students. Currently, the majority of families conveniently go west on the two way 89<sup>th</sup> Ave to Woodhaven Blvd to return southbound to their homes in Ozone Park.

Altering the currently two way 89<sup>th</sup> Avenue to become an eastbound only avenue will also divide the continuity of the neighborhood. Eighty-ninth Avenue on the western side of Woodhaven Blvd currently runs in the opposite western direction therefore this change would eliminate a link from eastern Woodhaven to the core of the community on the west of the Boulevard.

I am pleased that you are opening up these proposed changes to a public hearing on February 1 and, in advance, I thank you for taking the concerns of the Woodhaven residents seriously. Please do not hesitate in contacting my office if I may be of further assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

  
ELIZABETH S. CROWLEY  
Council Member, 30<sup>th</sup> District

EC: kvm  
CC: Ed Wendell, Woodhaven Residents Block Association