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Nicole Garcia
Queens Borough Commissioner
NYC Department of Transportation
120-55 Queens Boulevard, Room 285
Kew Gardens, NY 11424

RE: **Request for a Feasibility Study for Safety Improvements at 43rd Street and Laurel Hill Boulevard at the entrance to Kosciuszko Bridge Pedestrian and Bike Pathway**

Dear Commissioner Garcia:

At the September 6, 2022, meeting of the Transportation Committee, a motion was made and seconded to request the New York City Department of Transportation conduct a feasibility study for safety improvements at the 43rd Street underpass at Laurel Hill Boulevard leading to the entrance to the Kosciuszko Bridge Pedestrian and Bicycle Pathway. All were in favor by a show of hands with none opposed and no abstentions.

The Transportation Committee discussed that the area needs improvements to street lighting as the area is very dark and dangerous not only at night but even in daylight under the overpass just south of Laurel Hill Boulevard. The sidewalk is a shared pedestrian and bike path with a sharp curve leading uphill/downhill leading to a dangerous situation as bikes turn the corner with pedestrians.

In addition, the area needs to be cleaned and is in need of safer protection for the pedestrians and cyclists who frequent this location on a daily basis. This location will also serve as the entrance for the future Blissville Greenway.

CB 2 is requesting the NYC Department of Transportation conduct a feasibility study for safety improvements at the 43rd Street underpass at Laurel Hill Boulevard leading to the entrance to the Kosciuszko Bridge Pedestrian and Bicycle Pathway.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Debra Markell Kleinert
District Manager

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cc: Morry Galonoy, Chairperson, Community Board 2
Sheila Lewandowski, Chair, Transportation Committee
Tom Mituzas, Co-Chair, Transportation Committee
Gretha Suarez, New York City Department of Transportation

DOT Request for a Feasibility Study for the Installation of Safety Improvements at 43rd Street and Laurel Hill Blvd at the entrance to Kosciuszko Bridge Pedestrian and Bike Pathway