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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 the Redesign of Vernon Mall on Borden Avenue, Vernon Boulevard, Jackson Avenue and the Northern Boundary of 51<sup>st</sup> Avenue**

Dear Commissioner Garcia:

At the May 2, 2023, meeting of the Transportation Committee, a motion was made and seconded to request the DOT redesign the Vernon Mall on Borden Avenue, Vernon Boulevard, Jackson Avenue and the northern boundary of 51<sup>st</sup> Avenue. All were in favor of the motion by a show of hands with none opposed and no abstentions.

Members of the Transportation Committee, as well as members of the public, spoke about the dangerous conditions at this location. It was reported most recently, a 58-year old man on his way to work, while crossing Jackson Avenue, was struck and killed in a hit and run. It is increasingly difficult for pedestrians to navigate crossing the street. This location in its current design continues to be hazardous and life-threatening.

Community Board 2 respectfully requests and strongly urges the NYC Department of Transportation consider the redesign of the Vernon Mall.

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: Danielle Brecker, Chairperson, Community Board 2  
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