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Tenth St. 5th/6th Block Association
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Wakefield Tax Payers and Civic League
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West 9th Street Block Association
West Village Houses Tenants Association
University-West Bumside Neighborhood Association
Bronx PTAs 5, 6, 14, 20, 23, 27, 41, 48, 36, 54, 55, 62, 66, 71, 73, 79, 81, 83, 95, 96, 103, 105, 106, 112, 119, 126, 130, 132, 156, 161, 214, 226, 246, 306, 360
Queens PTAs 66 and 166

September 11th, 2001 was a sad day for all of us. We mourn the loss of those who were caught in the collapse of the twin towers, and salute the city's fire and police departments and all the rescue workers for their heroism. We are grateful to the mayor for his leadership in this time of crisis.

We can never replace what was lost on the morning of Tuesday, September 11th, 2000. Paradoxically, we are now challenged to build a better city than the one that stood before.

The Neighborhood Street Network urges the city to be bold and energetic as it revises and rebuilds in the coming months and years.

State Legislature Says "No" to Street Safety.

The NY State Legislature closed its session last month without resolution on two important pieces of street safety legislation. Though budget negotiations continued, policy legislation was shoved off until next year. As a result, NSN-supported legislative initiatives to permit NYC to create a pilot speed radar program with 15 cameras and to allow NYC DOT to up its red light locations from 35 to 50 were shelved. The traffic safety bills were supported by the Mayor, City Council, DOT and Police and received strong editorial support from *Newsday* and *NY Daily News*.



This red-light camera in midtown tickets motorists breaking the law. It is one of 50 around New York.

Assembly bill A07355 and Senate bill S03799 provided for a three-year program allowing for the City DOT to install 20 automated speed cameras. The speed cameras use technology similar to NYC's successful red-light camera program. Speeders who trigger the cameras have their license plates photographed and subsequently receive citations with a \$50 fine, but with no points assessed to the driver's license.

Speed cameras have been proven to significantly slow speeds and save lives. London has over 300 speed cameras. On the M25 motorway, one of the city's busiest roads, speed cameras reduced deaths by 60%. The Neighborhood Streets Network will continue to support these bills next session.

Write or Call Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver and let him know you are disappointed that he didn't pass A7355, speed cameras.

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City Calls on NSN to Help Defeat Dangerous New "Right Turn on Red" Law for Staten Island

The Mayor's office has asked Transportation Alternatives and the Neighborhood Streets Network to join it in urging Governor Pataki to veto a seriously flawed piece of legislation that would make it legal for motor vehicles in Staten Island to make right turns while the traffic signal is red. This legislation endangers the public safety and well being of pedestrians and bicyclists in Staten Island and the rest of New York City.

By far the number one cause of pedestrian crashes in New York City is motorists turning and failing to yield right of way to pedestrians in a crosswalk. This problem will only be aggravated as motorists turn right, look left for on-coming traffic and turn into the path of pedestrians.

Although the proposed law requires motorists to stop before turning, studies have shown that more than 50% do not. These studies find that more cyclists and pedestrians are struck, injured and killed after Right Turn on Red is installed. It particularly adds to the risks faced by elderly pedestrians.



It is illogical to have different traffic laws applying in different boroughs of the same city. Many motorists from outside of the city are already ignorant of the city's No Right Turn on Red law. Exempting Staten Island from that law will fuel that confusion and cause more crashes with pedestrians, cyclists and other vehicles.

Urge Governor Pataki to Veto S.1763, A.6819: Right Turn on Red on Staten Island:

Governor George Pataki
Executive Chamber
Albany, New York 12224

The Bronx Safe Routes Program Wins Big- New York City DOT Takes Safe Routes to School Citywide



Since 1997, The Bronx Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS) has joined concerned parents and school communities to solve traffic dangers Bronx children face walking to school. All good things must end, and now the Bronx Safe Routes to School Program is coming to a close. One of the Neighborhood Street Networks four main goals is to get traffic-calmed routes to school in The Bronx, and ultimately, citywide. We are now very close to achieving this goal. We are proud of the many pedestrian safety innovations pioneered in The Bronx through Safe Routes to School program. The parents, elected representatives and teachers who have worked for these improvements share equally in these accomplishments.

The Bronx Safe Routes to School Program is an innovative school-based traffic calming initiative, sponsored by The Bronx Borough President, Fernando Ferrer, and the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee. Thirty-eight schools have participated in the program, reaching out to their communities, identifying problem areas, and promoting safe alternatives. Because of this successful program, The Bronx has been at the forefront of a growing national movement to improve safety, clean up the environment, and promote physical activity through similar programs.



This spring the DOT announced that it would begin its own \$2.5 million program to begin to improve safety around schools in all parts of the city, including The Bronx. This is very good news. The Neighborhood Streets Network will be working with the DOT to ensure that the Bronx gets the

improvements it has been waiting for at the 38 Safe Routes to School sites. We encourage all those who have been involved with The Bronx Safe Routes to School program to continue working for change by working with the DOT's new School Safety program.

A quick note to say Hello:

Neel Scott, the coordinator for NSN for the past 2 years, left Transportation Alternatives and the Neighborhood Streets Network this spring to pursue a degree in filmmaking. We wish him luck and hope that he gets Julia Roberts to play the part of *me* in his first film. Some of you may know me from your work with The Bronx Safe Routes to School program, which I've been coordinating for the past several years. I'm looking forward to my broadened role here, working with neighborhood groups the other boroughs as well as my beloved Bronx.

Best Wishes,

Ellen Cavanagh
Campaign Coordinator

PS: Don't forget to send us your press clips and correspondence—anything that tells your neighborhood's story. If you know a local group that is fighting for safer streets, let us know. Send a note with the contact person, address, and phone number of the group you have in mind to:

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