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Dear New York City Department of Transportation,

We are writing to support the motion passed by the Transportation Committee of Brooklyn Community Board 1 on October 19, 2023 regarding the daylighting of intersections.

The motion calls on the city to:

- 1) opt back in to New York State law prohibiting parking within 20 feet of an intersection, and**
- 2) implement daylighting with physical barriers at every intersection in the city**

Brooklyn Community Board One is the latest community board to call for this safety improvement, after similar motions passed by Queens Community Board One, Brooklyn Community Board Six, Queens Community Board Six, and Manhattan Community Board Six. New York State law already prohibits parking within twenty feet of a crosswalk at an intersection per Vehicle & Traffic (VAT) CHAPTER 71, TITLE 7, ARTICLE 32, SECTION 1202. However New York City has exempted itself from adhering to this law.

There is growing recognition that the removal of parking spaces immediately adjacent to a crosswalk is a common sense and effective way of reducing conflicts between different road users. Where obstructions have been removed, motorists are better able to see crossing pedestrians as well as other motorists. The benefits for pedestrians and bicyclists are equally noteworthy. The increased visibility helps them see oncoming traffic and makes for a much safer environment.

The space that is recovered around crosswalks can be repurposed for a number of public realm enhancements including amenities like planters, benches, bike racks, granite blocks and stormwater retention green infrastructure. Taken together, these initiatives help to beautify the neighborhood while managing flooding and physically blocking drivers from parking their cars dangerously close to crosswalks.

We wholeheartedly endorse this practical, straightforward, and proven measure that will make our streets safer for all users.

Sincerely,

Bike New York
Brooklyn Community Kitchen
Brooklyn Harm Reduction Outreach Cooperative
Cooper Park Resident Council
Friends of Bushwick Inlet Park
Friends of Cooper Park
Friends of McGolrick Park
Greenpoint Art Circle
Jackson Street Neighbors
Make McGuinness Safe Coalition
McCarren Dog Run Alliance
McCarren Park Demonstration Garden
Northside Senior Center
North Brooklyn Community Boathouse
North Brooklyn Compost Project
North Brooklyn Mutual Aid
North Brooklyn Open Streets Community Coalition
North Brooklyn Parks Alliance
North Brooklyn Transportation Alternatives Volunteer Activist Committee
Olive Street Garden
Open Plans
Powers Street Garden
PS 84 PTA
PS 110 Street Safety Committee
Red Shed Community Garden
Sane Energy Project
Southside CSA
St. Nicks Alliance
The Lot Radio
Tri-State Transportation Campaign