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November 13, 2025

Ydanis Rodriguez, Commissioner
New York City Department of Transportation
55 Water Street
New York, New York 10041

Dear Commissioner Rodriguez:

We are writing to advise you that at its Full Board Meeting on November 12, 2025, Brooklyn Community Board 6 voted to express support for the development of a Low Traffic Neighborhood in Gowanus. A Low Traffic Neighborhood, or LTN, redirects through-traffic away from residential streets while preserving access to all destinations for drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians.

The Gowanus rezoning will add more than 8,000 apartments to the neighborhood. Proactive traffic management is essential to keep that growth from compounding the cut-through traffic burden on residential side streets. Approximately 80% of driving within the proposed LTN boundary is already cut-through traffic, while only 8% of residents commute daily by car. Brooklyn Community Board 6 supports DOT working with the community to develop a pilot LTN bounded roughly by Baltic Street to the north, 2nd Place to the south, Smith Street to the west, and 3rd Avenue to the east.

CB6 also believes that the Carroll Street Bridge presents a related opportunity. The bridge is currently closed to vehicular traffic, and we, CB6, support making this permanent and opening the bridge to pedestrians and cyclists as a dedicated active transportation connection across the Gowanus Canal.

The Transportation Committee recommended this resolution, and the full board voted to adopt it with fifteen in favor and three abstentions.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Mike Racioppo
District Manager