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Mayor de Blasio and Commissioner Henry Hank Gutman

On behalf of Sunset Park's 7th Ave & 8th Ave residents, small businesses, and homeowners, we strongly oppose the DOT's plan to convert our streets (zip code 11220) to one-way streets and to install bicycle lanes on these narrow streets without any communities' engagement and discussions. Parking spaces and traffic congestion have always been a big concern for our communities, the DOT's plan would create more chaos in our communities. The whole process was not democratic and lack of transparency because residents, small businesses, and many community-based organizations were not included in the planning process. Only a small amount of people who agreed with the plan had been used in the process as a way to represent Asian community voices. That is, we had very minimal representation from the communities to voice our concerns and issues that matter to our residents and businesses on 7th Ave and 8th Ave in Sunset Park. It is deliberate efforts by New York City DOT to undermine our communities' concerns and needs. We demand a community meeting and demand that DOT suspend the current plan until DOT has more discussion with the representatives who were elected by Sunset Park's 7th Ave & 8th Ave residents, small businesses, and homeowners. Together, we can enact a better plan to answer the needs of people who live here.

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