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# Livable Streets Dangerous Intersections

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### Introduction

New Yorkers move quickly. We walk, bike, drive and take public transportation. We are constantly in motion. Because of this, the safety of our streets and transportation infrastructure is of paramount importance.

In the spring, Council Member Ben Kallos solicited responses from more than 60,000 households on how to improve streets so they could be safer and more livable (see form on the right, or fill out on the last page). With those results, his office created this report, to serve as a resource for City agencies striving for safer streets to achieve Vision Zero.

This first part of the Livable Streets Report contains community-based feedback on dangerous intersections in our neighborhoods. Such intersections can be fatal. On the East Side, two fatal collisions took place in the span of one month. On April 10th, a 22-year-old woman was struck on York Avenue near East 84th Street by a southbound cab. The collision sent her into the opposite lane

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where she was hit by a second taxi. Two weeks later, on May 8th, a woman was struck and killed by a school bus while crossing Second Avenue at 93rd Street. The District Five Council office is across the street from the site, and City Council social work staff worked with the children on the bus. Council Member Kallos had just had a forum on safety along the Second Avenue Subway construction. But collisions as these have rocked communities all across New York City.

Council Member Kallos' office has reported the following intersections along to the Department of Transportation as the basis to investigate the intersections, while enforcement concerns have been reported to the relevant NYPD precinct.

The community-based model of identifying problems and achieving traffic changes allows city planners and officials to extend eyes and ears across neighborhoods in great detail. The report consolidates ideas and suggestions for improvement from residents, but there is still more to be done. All of us must pay close attention to safe streets issues and keep alert when we have our commute or enjoy a stroll. As we move towards a better city, New York City relies on you to build safer streets.



# **Dangerous Intersections**

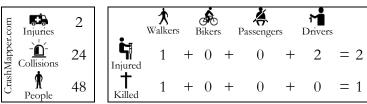


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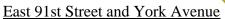


# East 93<sup>rd</sup> and Second Avenue

Drivers are rushing to "beat the light" and not yielding to pedestrians



NYC.CrashMapper.com: data presented as # collisions over 24 months at various intersections. \*Data is up to date as of February 2014. A collision in May 2014 in which a woman was struck and killed by a bus has been accounted for above.





Cars leaving the FDR turn and do not yield to pedestrians

Injuries	1
- <u>n</u> - Collisions	24
<b>†</b> People	48
	Injuries

	<b>★</b> Walkers	]	A Bikers		Passengers		Drivers		
Injured	1	+	0	+	0	+	0	= 1	1
† Killed	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	= (	0

East 91st Street between York Avenue and First Avenue



Drivers are speeding, failing to yield to pedestrians, and turning improperly. See above.



East 86th Street and Third Avenue

Drivers are failing: Drivers are failing to yield to pedestrians and speeding. The cross light does not provide enough time to cross the street. The crosswalk markings are not visible on the streets.



	<b>★</b> Walkers		Bikers		Passengers		Drivers	
Injured	8	+	1	+	1	+	1	=11
† Killed	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	= 0

# East 86<sup>th</sup> Street and York Avenue





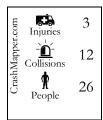
	<b>★</b> Walkers	1	<b>A</b> Bikers		Passengers		Drivers		
Injured	1	+	1	+	0	+	3	=	5
† Killed	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	=	0



# East 85<sup>th</sup> Street and York Avenue



Drivers are speeding and failing to yield to pedestrians.



	<b>★</b> Walkers		Bikers		Passengers		Drivers		
Injured	1	+	1	+	1	+	0	=	3
† Killed	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	=	0

East 84<sup>th</sup> Street and York Avenue **25** 





	<b>★</b> Walkers		Bikers		Passengers		Drivers		
Injured	3	+	1	+	1	+	0	=	5
† Killed	1	+	0	+	0	+	0	=	1

\*NYC.CrashMapper data is up to date as of February 2014. A recent fatal collision in April 2014 was not included and has been accounted for.

East 83<sup>rd</sup> Street – East 85<sup>th</sup> Street and Second Avenue Drivers are speeding and failing to yield to pedestrians





	<b>☆</b> Walkers		Bikers		Passengers		Drivers	
Injured	4	+	4	+	3	+	0	=11
† Killed	1	+	0	+	0	+	0	= 1

# East 80th Street and York Avenue 25



The M79 cannot make the turn on the street and cars turn without yielding for pedestrians. Drivers are speeding and failing to yield to pedestrians.

pper.com	Injuries	4
Маррег	- <u>n</u> - Collisions	24
Crash	<b>†</b> People	52

	<b>☆</b> Walkers	]	A Bikers	,	Passengers		Drivers		
Injured	2	+	1	+	2	+	0	=	5
† Killed	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	=	0



# East 79th Street and Second Avenue

Drivers are speeding, failing to yield to pedestrians, and turning improperly.

.com	Injuries	11
Mapper.com	- <u>n</u> - Collisions	52
Crashl	<b>†</b> People	107

	<b>☆</b> Walkers		Bikers		Passengers		Drivers	
Injured	5	+	3	+	3	+	5	=16
† Killed	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	= 0

# East 79th Street and York Avenue



Drivers are failing to yield to pedestrians, turning improperly and speeding. The cross light does not provide enough time to cross the street. The crosswalk markings are not visible on the streets. The uptown/downtown traffic lights appear to be out of sync.



	<b>★</b> Walkers	I	<b>S</b> iker	s	Passengers		Drivers		
Injured	6	+	1	+	0	+	1	=	8
† Killed	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	=	0

# East 79th Street and First Avenue



Timing of the left-hand turn onto First Avenue encourages rushing to "beat the light," endangering pedestrians.



	<b>★</b> Walkers	]	<b>B</b> ikers		A Passengers		Drivers		
Injured	6	+	2	+	0	+	0	=	8
† Killed	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	=	0



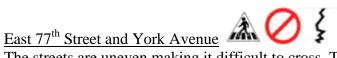
East 79th Street and Third Avenue

Cars speed and fail to at a Cars speed and fail to stop for the red light.



	<b>★</b> Walkers		Bikers		Passengers		Drivers		
Injured	5	+	1	+	0	+	1	=	7
† Killed	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	=	0





The streets are uneven making it difficult to cross. The markings on the street are not visible leading to confusion on where pedestrians should cross. Drivers fail to yield to pedestrians.

	Injuries	5
pper.com	- <u>n</u> - Collisions	20
CrashMapp	<b>†</b> People	41

	<b>★</b> Walkers		Bikers		Passengers		Drivers		
Injured	3	+	1	+	1	+	0	=	5
† Killed	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	=	0

# 76th Street and Park Avenue



Cars rushing to make the turn onto Park Avenue have struck pedestrians. Adding direction signals to traffic lights would limit this behavior.



	<b>★</b> Walkers		Bikers		Passengers		Drivers	
Injured	0	+	0	+	2	+	2	= 4
† Killed	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	= 0

# East 72nd Street and First Avenue



Drivers are failing to yield to pedestrians, turning improperly, and speeding.



	<b>★</b> Walkers		Bikers		Passengers		Drivers		
Injured	3	+	0	+	3	+	2	=	8
† Killed	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	=	0

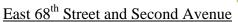
# The west corner of East 69th Street and First Avenue



Vehicles are speeding and failing to yield to pedestrians. The Bike lanes and ambulances pulling in and out of the hospital make it a particularly confusing intersection.



	<b>★</b> Walkers	]	Bikers		Passengers		Drivers	
Injured	1	+	0	+	3	+	2	= 1
† Killed	1	+	0	+	0	+	0	= 1





Drivers are failing to yield to pedestrians and turning improperly.

pper.com	Injuries	8
Маррег.	- <u>n</u> - Collisions	40
Crash	<b>†</b> People	82

	<b>☆</b> Walkers		Bikers		Passengers		Drivers		
Injured	3	+	1	+	1	+	3	= 8	;
† Killed	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	= 0	)

East 66<sup>th</sup> Street and First Avenue



Drivers are failing to yield to pedestrians, turn improperly, and speeding.

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E Injuries	2
Injuries  Collisions	36
People	72

	<b>★</b> Walkers	]	A Bikers	3	Passengers		Drivers		
Injured	1	+	0	+	0	+	1	=	2
† Killed	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	=	0

East 65<sup>th</sup> Street and Second Avenue



Drivers are failing to yield to pedestrians, turn improperly, and speeding.



	<b>☆</b> Walkers		Bikers		Passengers		Drivers		
Injured	3	+	2	+	0	+	1	=	6
† Killed	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	=	0

East 64<sup>th</sup> Street and York Avenue





	<b>★</b> Walkers	]	<b>O</b> Bikers		Passengers		Drivers		
Injured	0	+	0	+	4	+	2	=	6
† Killed	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	=	0



# East 63<sup>rd</sup> Street and Third Avenue



Drivers are failing to yield to pedestrians, turn improperly, and speeding.

omo	Injuries	5
lapper.com	- <u>h</u> - Collisions	54
CrashM	<b>†</b> People	109

	<b>★</b> Walkers		Bikers		Passengers		Drivers	
Injured	3	+	0	+	2	+	1	= 6
† Killed	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	= 0

# East 62nd Street and First Avenue



Cars are speeding and failing to yield to pedestrians.

om	Injuries	14
Aapper.com	- <u></u> Collisions	97
CrashM	<b>†</b> People	197

	<b>★</b> Walkers		Bikers		Passengers		Drivers	
Injured	5	+	2	+	4	+	5	=16
† Killed	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	= 0

# East 61<sup>st</sup> Street and Second Avenue



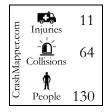
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	<b>☆</b> Walkers		Bikers		Passengers		Drivers		
Injured	6	+	0	+	0	+	1	=	7
† Killed	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	=	0

# East 61<sup>st</sup> Street and First Avenue





	<b>☆</b> Walkers		Bikers		Passengers		Drivers	
Injured	5	+	2	+	2	+	3	=12
† Killed	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	= 0

East 57<sup>th</sup> Street and the Queensboro Bridge Entrance



Drivers are failing to yield to pedestrians, turning improperly, and speeding.

.com	Injuries	0
Маррег.сот	- <u>n</u> - Collisions	6
Crash	<b>†</b> People	12

	<b>☆</b> Walkers		Bikers		Passengers		Drivers	
Injured	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	= 0
† Killed	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	= 0

# East 57th Street and Second Avenue



Drivers are failing to yield to pedestrians, turning improperly and are speeding. The cross light does not provide enough time to cross the street. The crosswalk marking are not visible on the streets.



	<b>★</b> Walkers		Bikers		Passengers		Drivers	
Injured	8	+	3	+	3	+	5	=19
† Killed	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	= 0

# East 57th Street between First and Second Avenue





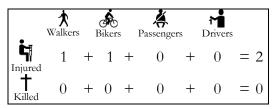


Drivers are speeding, failing to yield to pedestrians and turning improperly. The cross light does not provide enough time to cross the street.

# East 57<sup>th</sup> Street and Sutton Place







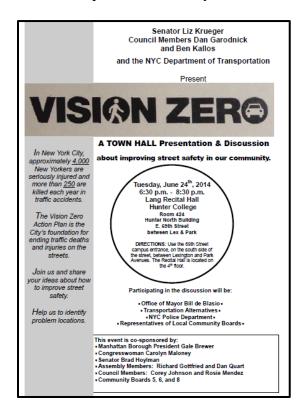


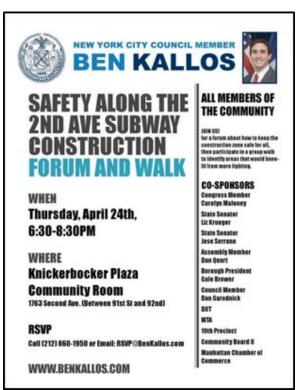
# Top Ten Most Dangerous Intersections in Council District Five with Most Collisions per Month, according to NYC.CrashMapper.com

	Inter	section	Collisions
Rank	Street	Avenue	Per Month
1	57 <sup>th</sup>	Second	5.52
2	63 <sup>rd</sup>	Second	5.45
3	60 <sup>th</sup>	Second	4.90
4	59 <sup>th</sup>	Second	4.77
5	62 <sup>nd</sup>	York	4.65
6	63 <sup>rd</sup>	York	4.45
7	58 <sup>th</sup>	Second	4.16
8	62 <sup>nd</sup>	First	4.13
9	62 <sup>nd</sup>	Second	3.86
10	61 <sup>st</sup>	Second	3.45

## Conclusion

Working to change or eliminate dangerous intersections necessitates a ground-up approach, with the community taking the lead. Council Member Kallos' office held a forum and safety walk on safety along the Second Avenue Subway and a Vision Zero Town Hall to locate dangerous areas and work to improve them. Every New Yorker should feel safe walking in their neighborhood.





The information contained in the report above will serve as the basis for advancement with the Department of Transportation and other key stakeholders. We will audit these streets and, where possible and necessary, make the changes desired by the community. In this way, the feedback that community members offer can directly lead to safer and more navigable streets. Council Member Kallos' office will continue to solicit feedback and hold public events to gather your input to build a better, safer city.



To report more dangerous intersections go to **BenKallos.com/Livable-Streets**, fill out and mail the form below or contact our office.

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