

I Want to Help Make a Safer Skillman Avenue!

I am particularly interested in the following improvements:

- Crosswalks
- Improving intersection visibility through “daylighting”
- Bike lanes
- Adding traffic lights
- Two-way traffic
- All of the above!**

I can help with:

- Contacting officials
- Designing materials
- Spreading the word
- Organizing events

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

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On November 1, 2007 a van crashed into the front door of Aubergine Café. A child was almost killed by this van. This was the third vehicle to hit that corner in three years.



Fender-benders are a regular occurrence (December 29, 2007).

Photos by J. Millus

Towards a Safer Skillman Avenue

For everyone – especially the children, elderly and disabled.

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Who Are We?

We're a group of neighbors who live near Skillman Avenue in Sunnyside and Woodside. Some of us have children, and all of us have elderly friends. We're tired of feeling afraid when we cross the street. In this stretch alone, between 1995 and 2001, there were 11 crashes resulting in pedestrian injury – almost two crashes a year.

Over the past fifty years, Skillman and 43rd Avenues have served as shortcuts to and from the Queensborough Bridge. The one-way design, wide lanes, ~~synchronized traffic lights~~ and lack of crosswalk markings all encourage drivers to speed. This can be changed to make the street safer.

Recommendations from Transportation Alternatives

1. Short-Term:
 - Retime the traffic lights to slow drivers – **Done!**
 - Clearly mark all crosswalks
 - Increase visibility by removing some parking spaces at intersections
2. Medium-Term:
 - Reduce street width by adding a bike lane or angle parking – **Half done!**
 - Install sidewalk extensions at crosswalks
3. Long-Term:
 - Add traffic signals
 - Restore two-way traffic flow

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What have we done so far?

- **March 21, 2008 – DOT retimes traffic signals**
- **May 17, 2008 – DOT installs bike lanes**

Who else wants safety improvements?

- FDNY Ladder 163/Engine 325
- P.S. 11 Parent-Teacher Association
- Sunnyside Chamber of Commerce and many neighborhood businesses
- Councilmember Gioia
- Assemblymember Nolan

Find this form on our website at <http://saferskillman.org>, or drop it in the box at Aubergine Café.