

SAMMY'S LAW

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Freelancers Union
Get Women Cycling
Hang Up And Drive
Kids and Car Safety
National Association of City Transportation
Officials (NACTO)

National Complete Streets Coalition
National Safety Council
National Transportation Safety Board
New York League of Conservation Voters
Open Space Institute
Parks & Trails New York
Project for Public Spaces
Rails to Trails Conservancy
Road to Zero Coalition
The Brown Bike Girl
The Society for the Advancement of
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The Trauma Foundation
The Trust for Public Land
Vision Zero Network

NEW YORK CITY ORGANIZATIONS

34th Ave Open Streets Coalition
Asian Americans For Equality
BetaNYC
Bay Ridge Advocates Keeping Everyone Safe
(B.R.A.K.E.S.)
Bronx River Greenway Team
Brooklyn Greenway Initiative
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BSA Founders District Pack 174
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New York (CIDNY)

CHEKPEDS
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Chinatown Partnership
Chinese-American Planning Council
Churches United for Fair Housing
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Corp
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Families for Safe Streets
Flushing Chinese Business Association
Fresh Meadows Tenants Association (FMTA)
Good Shepherd Services
Gray Panthers NYC
Greater New York Hospital Association
Green Map System
Harlem Mothers and Fathers S.A.V.E.
Hip-Hop Summit Youth Council
Homecrest Community Services
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Island
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New York Communities for Change
New York Cycle Club (NYCC)
New Settlement Parent Action Committee
NiiquaBee Faith Foundation

NYC Health + Hospitals
NYU Langone Health
Open Plans
Outcycling
P.S. 173 Fresh Meadows
PTA of P.S. 173Q Fresh Meadows
PTA of P.S. 221Q North Hills School
Queens Community House
Queens Botanical Garden
Regional Plan Association
Riders Alliance
RISE (Rockaway Initiative for Sustainability &
Equity)
RiseBoro Community Partnership
Sacred Fellowship Ministries
Safe Horizon
SBH Health System
Senior Advocacy Leadership Team (SALT)
NYC
South Asian Fund For Education Scholarship and
Training Inc (SAFEST)
Staten Island University Hospital
StreetsPAC
The Broadway League
The Municipal Art Society of New York
The New York Board of Rabbis
Transportation Alternatives
Tri-State Transportation Campaign
United Federation of Teachers
UP-STAND
Vision Zero Youth Council
WE Bike NYC
West End Synagogue
West Side Democrats

MEDIA COVERAGE

Editorials

- NYDailyNews: [The drive below 25: Albany must pass Sammy's Law and let NYC set its own speed limits](#)
- NYDailyNews: [Pass Sammy's Law: The state Assembly must match the Senate and let NYC lower its speed limit](#)

Sample of Coverage

- Fox 5: [Sammy's Law' stalls in NY Assembly, advocates demand action](#)
- Fox 5: [Sammy's Law supporters begin hunger strike](#)
- NY1: [Sammy's Law' losses steam in Albany as session winds down](#)
- New York Post: [NYS Assembly still undecided on 'Sammy's Law' to lower NYC speed limit: 'It's outrageous'](#)
- New York Post: [NYC may be able to lower speed limits to 20 mph after grieving mother's three-year campaign](#)
- Streetsblog: MAP QUEST: [See Exactly Why Sammy's Law Would Be So Crucial for the Boroughs](#)
- Curbed: ['It Wouldn't Bring Back My Son, But Other Lives Would Be Saved'](#)
- Streetsblog: [Council Transportation Chair Signs Onto 'Sammy's Law' Resolution](#)
- New York Times: [N.Y. Lawmakers Pass Clean Slate Act as Session Fizzles to an End](#)
- NYDailyNews: [Let NYC control its own streets](#) (OpEd)

DAILY NEWS

Pass Sammy's Law: The state Assembly must match...

OPINION

Pass Sammy's Law: The state Assembly must match the Senate and let NYC lower its speed limit



PROMOTED STORIES

DAILY NEWS

Let NYC control its own streets

OPINION

Let NYC control its own streets



12-year-old Sammy Cohen Eckstein was killed by a speeding driver in Brooklyn on Oct. 8, 2013, at Prospect Park West and Third Street.

DAILY NEWS

The drive below 25: Albany must pass Sammy's...

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The New York Times

NEW YORK | N.Y. Lawmakers Pass Clean Slate Act as Session Fizzles to an End



Sammy's Law, named after Sammy Cohen Eckstein, whose picture is being held by his grandmother, Joan Dean, seemed unlikely to pass. José A. Alvarado Jr. for The New York Times

What didn't make the cut

Far more legislative initiatives failed to make it across the finish line, including a proposal to remove a natural gas subsidy in the name of climate protection.

One high-profile bill that failed to advance is Sammy's Law, which would allow New York City to lower its speed limit to 20 miles per hour. The bill bears the name of **Sammy Cohen Eckstein**, a 12-year-old who was killed by a speeding van on the Brooklyn street where he lived in 2013. Sammy's Law passed in the Senate, but has not advanced out of the Assembly.



Safer streets are especially important for older New Yorkers, who are at greater risk for fatal traffic incidents. Lower speed limits decrease fatalities. [@CarlHeastie](#) [@AndreaSCousins](#), let NYC lower speed limits & make the city more walkable & livable for people of all ages!



Governor Kathy Hochul [@GovKathyHochul](#)

Giving New York City the ability to lower its speed limit will prevent crashes and save lives.

I included Sammy's Law in my Executive budget because it will make our streets safer for all New Yorkers — regardless of how they choose to get around their community.

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Mayor Eric Adams [@NYCMayor](#)

Sammy's Law is absolutely critical to the mission of Vision Zero. Our streets don't need to be dangerous — we have the power to keep them safe but we need Albany's help.

I back [@NYCSafeStreets](#) 100% in calling on the State Legislature to pass this bill NOW.



Commissioner Ashwin Vasani, MD, PhD [@NYHealthCommr](#) · Jun 16

In NYC, speeding contributes to over a quarter of traffic deaths each year. Vehicles going 30 mph are more likely to kill/seriously injure pedestrians than those going 20 mph. NYC should be allowed to set its own speed limits. **Sammy's Law** would save lives & protect New Yorkers.



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National Complete Streets Coalition [@completestreets](#)

Advocate [@amycohen](#), whose son was tragically killed by a speeding car, has fought tirelessly to make streets safer. It shouldn't take a hunger strike to pass common-sense road safety legislation—but here we are. We support Amy. Pass [#SammysLawNow](#).

PRESS RELEASE

CR calls for immediate passage of "Sammy's Law" in New York State to save lives and make city streets safer

June 9, 2023

Bill would allow New York City to set 20 mph speed limits as necessary for safety

YONKERS, N.Y. – Consumer Reports today called on the New York State Assembly to immediately pass "Sammy's Law" (S-2422/A-7266), a bill that would allow New York City to set speed limits as low as 20 miles per hour. Currently, New York State law prohibits the City from setting speed limits below 25 miles per hour, except in school zones. The bill, which passed the Senate on Tuesday, is named for Sammy Cohen Eckstein, a 12-year-old boy

Vision Zero Network
@Visionzeronet

Electeds: STOP playing politics w/ kids' lives. We stand w/ @NYC_SafeStreets @Fam4SafeStreets @amylcohen, Fabiola Mendieta-Cuapio in urging NY State Assembly (@CarlHeastie) to support #SammysLawNow to allow safe speeds. ACT for Sammy, Bryan & lives lost:

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@NACTO

Lower speed limits save lives. Cities should have the ability to control their own streets and keep communities safe.

We strongly support Sammy's Law, and encourage @CarlHeastie and the @NYSMA_Majority to vote on the bill so @GovKathyHochul can sign it!

Families For Safe Streets @NYC_SafeStreets · Jun 7
We will not be ignored.

At hour 27 of Amy and Fabiola's hunger strike, we marched through the halls of the Capitol with one demand for @CarlHeastie: A vote on Sammy's Law.

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Advocates
@SafeRoadsNow

NY: We urge Speaker @CarlHeastie to bring up Sammy's law, S-2422/A-7266, for a vote now to allow cities w/over 1M people to reduce speed limits. @VisionZeroNYC reports 12 bicyclists/33 peds have been killed in the 1st 4 months of 2023. @TransAlt @NYC_SafeStreets #saferoads

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National Safety Council

June 7, 2023

The Honorable Carl Heastie
Speaker of the Assembly, New York State Assembly
Room 932, Legislative Office Building
Albany, NY 12248

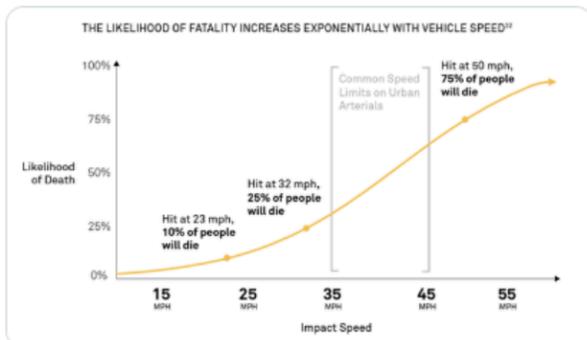
Dear Speaker Heastie:

The National Safety Council (NSC) respectfully asks you to act on S.B. S2422A, which will help save lives on New York roads.

NSC is America's leading nonprofit safety advocate and has been for nearly 110 years. As a mission-based organization, we work to eliminate the leading causes of preventable death and injury, focusing

Road to Zero @RoadToZeroUS · Jun 6

Reducing speed means saving lives, plain and simple. Data from @AAAFTS outlined in @NACTO 2020 report on urban speed limits illustrates why we care about this issue: A five mile an hour reduction in vehicle speed can reduce the likelihood of death by 15% or more.



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Road to Zero @RoadToZeroUS · Jun 6

Few understand the human toll of reckless driving more than Amy Cohen and Fabiola Mendieta-Cuapio. We can think of no better way to honor Sammy, Bryan, and all others who have lost their lives to traffic violence than to codify #slowerspeeds in our communities.