

## 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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*Photo by J. Millus*

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.

### **Other Recommendations from T.A.**

- Clearly mark all crosswalks
- Increase visibility by removing some parking spaces at intersections
- Install sidewalk extensions at crosswalks
- Add traffic signals
- Restore two-way traffic flow

## Bike Lanes for a Safer Skillman and 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Coming May 2008



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## Recommendation from Transportation Alternatives

“Reduce street width: One of the best ways to control speed is through the width of the street. The more narrow the street the slower the traffic. The two best, least expensive, and easiest ways to narrow a street are bike lanes and perpendicular parking.”

### 2008 NYC Bike Map



(available by calling 311)

## Why the Bike Lanes are Good

- Narrow the Street
- Safer for Cyclists
- Encourage Cycling
- More Customers for Area Businesses

## Make the Bike Lanes Better

1. Extend the lanes to Roosevelt Avenue
2. Make the route on 48<sup>th</sup> Street and 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue painted
3. Place the lanes between parked cars and the sidewalk
4. Install adequate bike parking

## Help Us Make a Safer Skillman Avenue!

What have we done so far?

- **March 21, 2008** – DOT retimes traffic signals
- **May 1, 2008** – DOT begins bike lane installation

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.