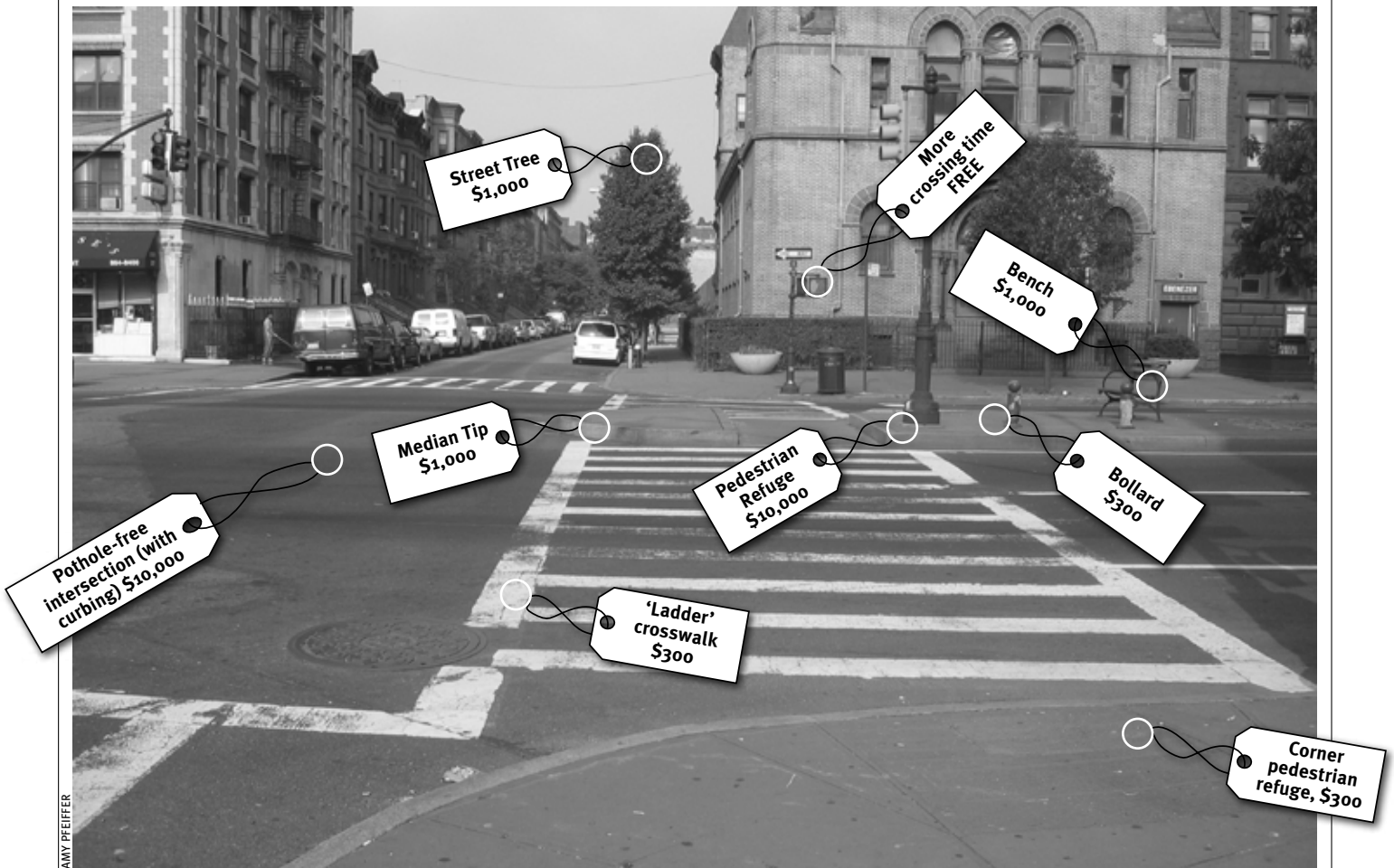


# Making Streets Safe for Seniors: The Bottom Line



**M**AKING STREETS SAFER FOR seniors and other vulnerable street users does not have to strain city coffers. Many of the most effective pedestrian safety measures cost less than \$1,000, and the most common improvements such as crosswalks striping and pothole filling are already part of the City's Department of Transportation maintenance budget. (Community groups who want these improvements can begin by calling 311 and reporting any problem areas.)

Additionally, extra pedestrian crossing time, "pedestrian refuges" in the middle of the street and retrofitting streets so that they are replete with median tips, bollards and benches are all cost-effective ways to insure that all pedestrians get across safely. Corner pedestrian ramps make streets accessible to people with mobility impairments

and people pushing strollers or shopping carts. While costing little, the reward—fewer pedestrians injured or killed by drivers—is priceless.

**Contact the DOT and ask for these improvements in your neighborhood.**

For intersection specific requests, like additional time to cross the street, pedestrian ramps at curbs, medians, benches or other improvements, send a letter to the appropriate DOT Borough Commissioner:

- **Steve Weber**  
Lower Manhattan Borough Commissioner  
40 Worth Street, Room 1012  
New York, NY 10013
- **Margaret Forgione**  
Manhattan Borough Commissioner  
40 Worth Street, 11th Floor  
New York, NY 10013

- **Constance Moran**  
Queens Borough Commissioner  
30-30 Thomson Ave.  
5th fl. North  
Long Island City, NY 11101

- **Joseph Palmieri**  
Bronx Borough Commissioner  
1400 Williamsbridge Road  
The Bronx, NY 10461

- **Lori Ardito**  
Brooklyn Borough Commissioner  
16 Court Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11241

- **Tom Cocola**  
Acting Staten Island Borough Commissioner  
10 Richmond Terrace  
Staten Island, NY 10301

**Take Action!**  
Call 311 for potholes, newspaper boxes that block your path, and cracked sidewalks.