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Edward Pincar Jr.
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
Department of Transportation
55 Water Street
New York, NY 10041

Dear Commissioner Pincar:

At its Full Board meeting November 21, 2019, Community Board #2, adopted the following resolution:

Resolution requesting "Truck Restriction" signage on the s.e. corner of 6th Ave. and W. 12th St., signage directing trucks to the 14th St. Transit and Truck Priority lanes, with fines indicated, and an O-D truck study.

Whereas the W. 12th St. Block Association reports that W. 12th St. btw. 5th and 6th Aves. has been inundated with truck traffic, the great majority of these trucks extremely large including many trailer trucks, a situation that not only is dangerous, but damaging as well; and

Whereas people from the block cited such damage as a tree that was almost totally destroyed a few weeks back when a huge truck sheared off parts of both its trunk and branches, and the destruction of flexible delineators (used to separate different lane uses) by trucks overlapping from one lane into another, leading to broken delineators scattering into traffic lanes and blocking vehicular traffic (the trucks with their large size infringing on vehicular passableness also block traffic themselves). There also was concern about noise disturbances created by the trucks speeding through at night and bumping into the delineators as they went by; and

Whereas residents of the block confirmed their understanding that some trucks need to make local deliveries, which they want, but noted that their observations have shown that the preponderance of this incursion consists of through truck traffic which doesn't belong on W. 12th St. which, like most small side streets, is not designated for through (or even local, except for deliveries) truck traffic; and

Whereas Transit and Truck Priority lanes (one east; one west) were recently installed on 14th St. btw. 3rd and 9th Aves., designed to accommodate through truck and other truck traffic and providing ample room for trucks to drive unobstructed at a quick, steady pace; and

Whereas this 14th St. Transit and Truck Priority way is where all through truck and other truck traffic should be going, but a great number of truck drivers are not making use of it. Those many who are unaware of it or not

cognizant of the rules (e.g., drivers from out-of-town) need to be made aware of this facility; those who ignore it need to be apprised of the consequences of not making use of it; and

Whereas 12th St. extends beyond 5th and 6th Aves., both east and west, and there's been no determination of where errant trucks enter and exit this street, which is essential to do;

Therefore be it resolved that CB2 strongly supports and requests that "Truck Restriction Except Local Deliveries" signage be installed on the s.e. corner of 6th Ave. and W. 12th St., with care taken that it's placed at a height and position on that s.e. corner (the first one seen by vehicles intending to turn onto 12th St. from 6th Ave.) that is highly visible to trucks; and

Be it further resolved that CB2 asks that signage be posted at suitable intervals near 14th St. and on surrounding streets specifying that trucks must use the 14th St. Transit and Truck Priority lanes and providing directions to access 14th Street; and

Be it further resolved that CB2 recommends that signage be considered for the area in question that indicates there are penalties for ignoring truck restrictions on local streets and citing the amount of the fines; and

Be it finally resolved that CB2 urges DOT to conduct a comprehensive origin-destination study in the vicinity of the 14th St. Transit and Truck Priority lanes to ascertain where through trucks and other trucks in that area come from and access local streets, where they exit them, and where they head to, in order to determine what other intersections on 12th and other local streets there should have truck restriction signage as well as other deterrents to through trucks and other trucks misusing these streets and directions to the 14th St. facility.

Vote: Unanimous, with 39 Board Members in favor.

Please advise us of any decision or action taken in response to this resolution.

Sincerely,



Carter Booth, Chair
Community Board #2, Manhattan



Shirley Secunda, Chair
Traffic & Transportation Committee
Community Board #2, Manhattan

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