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Ed Pincar,
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
NYC Department of Transportation
59 Maiden Lane, 37th Floor
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Re: Overnight Construction Vehicles Idling, Queuing, Staging, and Parking on West 34th St (9th/10th Aves)

Dear Borough Commissioner Pincar,

Manhattan Community Board 4 is hereby requesting a comprehensive set of changes to the parking regulations on West 34th Street from Ninth Avenue to Tenth Avenue, encompassing the T-shaped intersection with Dyer Avenue. Much of the block allows for overnight parking.

At its April 3rd Full Board meeting, MCB4 voted, by a vote of 31 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining, and 0 present but not eligible to vote, to request that the regulation be changed to **No Standing 7 PM - 7 AM every day** in any areas of this block where overnight parking is currently allowed. We further ask that this be fulfilled in concert with our prior request from December 18, 2017 to relocate the Select Bus Service (SBS) stop on the north side of West 34th Street, west of Dyer Avenue approximately 100-ft to the west, in order to avoid conflict with the residential entrance at 433 West 34th Street. This request is in response to an intolerable level of overnight construction equipment idling while queuing, staging, and parking (and often double parking) along this street, which is having an ongoing negative health and wellness impact on the residents of this block due to the resultant noise and pollution.

The net effect of this proposed change in the parking regulation will be that daytime parking regulations will remain unchanged on the block and the regulation from Midnight -7 AM for much of the block will go from unrestricted to No Standing.

To further improve conditions on this block, we additionally request the re-painting of the bus lanes, which are in some areas nearly completely faded, and a larger sign (or more legible placement of the current sign) indicating “No turn on red” at the intersection of Dyer Avenue.

Residents have noted a large number of illegal right hand turns from Dyer Avenue onto West 34th Street during red signals.

On the south side of West 34th Street, the current regulation between the SBS bus stop near the corner of Tenth Avenue and St. Michael's Church at 424 West 34th Street is No Standing 7 AM - 7 PM and No Parking 7 PM - Midnight All Days. The current regulation in front of the residential building at 408 West 34th Street is No Standing 7 AM - 7 PM and No Parking 7 PM - Midnight All Days. From the corner of Ninth Avenue to the edge of 408 West 34th Street, the regulation is No Standing Anytime.

On the North Side of West 34th Street, there is currently a sidewalk shed for the ongoing construction at 441 Ninth Avenue ("Hudson Commons"), along with (and against the recommendations of this committee) the curbside operation of Best Bus intercity bus service. The current regulation in front of 419 West 34th Street ("Webster Apartments") is No Standing Anytime. Between the SBS Stop in front of 433 West 34th Street to the edge of 455 West 34th Street, the current regulation is No Parking 7 AM - 7 PM. The area in front of the 34th Street side of 461 West 34th Street (the Courtyard by Marriott Hotel, currently under construction), the current regulation Is No Standing Anytime.

We will request enforcement from NYPD Traffic Division and coordinate with the local BID, Hudson Yards/Hell's Kitchen Alliance (HYHK), and active developers (among them Tishman-Speyer and Related Companies) to request that these construction vehicles stage, queue, and park on the next block, West 34th St between Tenth and Eleventh Avenues. The block where these construction vehicles currently stage is a largely residential block:

- 408 West 34th Street (Madison Gardens Apartments)
- 419 West 34th Street (Webster Apartments)
- 430 West 34th Street
- 433 West 34th Street (Haddon Hall)
- 440 West 34th Street
- 455 West 34th Street

These six buildings comprise approximately 1,700 units for approximately 2,700 residents, whereas the block we propose for construction vehicle staging is under construction along its entire length north and south and currently has no residents.

The residents of West 34th Street between Ninth and Tenth Avenues contend with regularly high levels of truck noise from Dyer Avenue, as well as Con Edison and other utilities' overnight work and Department of Transportation overnight roadway maintenance. The overnight noise levels have been lately compounded by a large number of overnight special construction permits in the immediate vicinity. While these disruptions may be unavoidable, the further disruption of these residents' quiet enjoyment due to overnight construction vehicles idling, queuing, staging, and parking is wholly avoidable.

Sincerely,



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