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Ms. Margaret Forgione Manhattan Commissioner Department of Transportation 59 Maiden Lane, 37th Floor New York, New York 10038

RE: Proposed Bus Stops for Kokopelli Tours Inc.

Dear Commissioner Forgione:

Manhattan Community Board #4 appreciates that the Department of Transportation has referred Kokopelli Tours to the CB4 Transportation Committee to discuss potential bus stops for his proposed new bus lines between University campuses in Cambridge and Boston, Massachusetts and New York City. The applicant proposes new routes that would total up to 6 stops daily in New York City.

While the proposed stop options presented by the applicant are located on the east side of 8th Avenue between 28th and 42nd Street and thus not within our Community Board jurisdiction, we do note that 8th Avenue sidewalks in the Penn Station/Port Authority area tend to be 12' wide, relatively narrow given the pedestrian volume on the Avenue. We recommend that the applicant investigate the two sites mentioned in our 12/7/2009 letter to DOT on potential bus sites (the north sides of West 33rd and West 31st Streets between 8th and 9th Avenues), as well as the north side of West 41st Street between 9th and 10th Avenue. We also encourage the applicant to speak with Community Board #5 about his current list of proposed sites on 8th Avenue and any alternative sites they may recommend.

We wish Kokopelli Tours the best in their growing business ventures and, again, appreciate DOT referring the applicant to Community Board #4 on potential bus stops.

Sincerely yours.

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cc: Kokopelli Tours Manhattan Community Board #5