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Ed Pincar
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
NYC Department of Transportation
59 Maiden Lane, 37th Floor
New York, NY 10037

Re: Unapproved Bus Layover at 39th Street

Dear Borough Commissioner Pincar,

Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) was very surprised that a bus layover parking regulation was installed without going through the standard Community Board consultation process.

The "Truck Loading Only" curb regulation on West 39th Street at the North West corner of Ninth Avenue has been changed to "New Jersey Transit Bus layover 3 pm to 8 pm." The Department of Transportation (DOT) online map still shows the previous regulation (see below).


An active restaurant operates at this corner. With the good weather, its wide garage doors stay open. A bus layover with buses arriving and leaving, idling for long periods of time, revving up their engines for five minutes each, is incompatible with patrons trying to eat and have a conversation; not to mention the exhaust fumes which permeate the interior of the establishment. For these reasons, the community had not recommended this space for a bus layover in the past.

Further curbside parking in the district has never been dedicated to any given bus company or to New Jersey Transit, which enjoys Port Authority parking options. We expect NJ Transit to continue to operate within the footprint of the bus terminal properties and all bus companies that cannot get access to the parking lots should get equal access to the limited curbside space.

For all these reasons, we are requesting that you please remove this regulation from the North West corner of 39th Street and Ninth Avenue as soon as possible and return to the previous regulation until such point DOT brings this application to the MCB4 Transportation Planning Committee.

We hope that going forward, as you have done so successfully in the past, you will consult with the community in all relevant decisions to take advantage of our in depth knowledge of local conditions .

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jesse Bodine". The signature is written in black ink and is contained within a thin black rectangular border.

Jesse Bodine
District Manager
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