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Ed Pincar
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
NYC Department of Transportation
59 Maiden Lane, 37th Floor
New York, NY 10038

Re: Intercity Bus Permit for 555 W. 33rd Street (11th Avenue)

Dear Borough Commissioner Pincar,

Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4), at its July Full Board meeting, voted by 35 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining, and 0 present but not eligible to vote, to oppose the granting of a bus stop at the specific location requested by the applicant, The Jet, LLC. We have recommendations and comments towards approval of an alternative location as outlined below.

We applaud this application for having developed an operation system which will switch their buses over to battery operation while loading and unloading, for no-emissions idling, and will encourage other operators to implement this technology going forward.

Although the address on the application, 555 W. 33rd Street (or 55 Hudson Yards) is the nearest building address, in truth the location requested is within the bounds of Bella Abzug Park. There are expanded tree pits and a bulb-out along the park-adjacent north curb of 33rd Street which make the location inappropriate for passenger loading and unloading. The local BID, Hudson Yard Hell's Kitchen Alliance (HYHK) has been working with the DOT's Public Space unit to install in-street bike corrals at the location and is also working towards the installation of a mid-block pedestrian crossing. All these factors preclude the requested location.

We pointed out to this operator that there is already an approved bus stop nearby, on Eleventh Avenue, near the northwest corner of 33rd Street. This was a location that this Board recommended in our letter of July 30, 2019 for the applicant Hampton Jitney. Presently, the stop is un-used; Hampton Jitney does not list the location as an option for its pick-up service. We recommend the operator be granted a permit to share this existing stop.

As an alternative, the applicant has identified a location along West 33rd Street adjacent to the corner of Eleventh Avenue. This location is currently a through-traffic lane. While we have no objection to the location per se, we prefer the already established location, for our ongoing concern about the proliferation of curbside stops in our district, as well as our general preference to locate stops on avenues rather than streets.

Sincerely,



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cc: Chad, Scarborough, The Jet, LLC