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

**Re: Big Bus Tours stop at the Northeast corner of 12th Avenue and West 40<sup>th</sup> Street**

Dear Borough Commissioner Pincar,

Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4), at its October 6<sup>th</sup> Full Board meeting, by a vote of 43 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, and 0 present but not eligible to vote, opposes the granting of a bus stop for Big Bus Tours at the Northeast corner of Twelfth Avenue and West 40<sup>th</sup> Street. This stop is shared with the M12 MTA bus stop. We object to co-locating tour buses with MTA bus stops as they interfere with the timely schedule of public transit.

We propose an alternate location at the Southeast corner of Twelfth Avenue and 41<sup>st</sup> Street. The applicant agrees to this location.

We note that Big Bus Tours (Taxi Tours Inc.) has several unpaid or less than fully paid idling violations, specifically the following OATH summons numbers. We understand that the city is supposed to deny permits when an applicant has unpaid violations:

000662031N  
000662034Z  
000666852Z  
000662402N

Should these summonses get paid, we have no objection to the applicant getting a stop at our proposed location.

We applaud the numerous safety protocols this operator has implemented. We are pleased to hear that Big Bus Tours plans to modernize their fleet within the next five years to reduce their emissions.

Sincerely,



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Cc: Charles Nolen, Big Bus Tours