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Manhattan Borough Commissioner
NYC Department of Transportation
59 Maiden Lane, 37th Fl.
New York, NY 10038

Re: Guidelines for siting Intercity Bus on-street terminals taking into account existing conditions

Dear Commissioner Zuckerman,

Manhattan Community Board 4 at its December 3rd Full Board meeting, by a vote of 47 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, and 0 present but not eligible, requests that DOT establish a guideline for siting intercity bus on-street terminals that takes into account the extraordinary street conditions already occurring—and expected to worsen—during the ten-year Port Authority Bus Terminal reconstruction project and the Gateway Project.

The construction zone will stretch from 8th to 11th Avenues and from a portion of 42nd Street down to 30th Street. Interim bus gates will operate for the duration of the project between 9th and 10th Avenues from West 37th to West 38th Street, and on West 30th Street between 9th and Dyer Avenues. Buses will enter and exit these interim gates via the surrounding streets and avenues. Eastbound commuters will

rely on the narrow sidewalks on the West 40th to West 35th Street blocks between 8th and 9th Avenues to reach the subway and other destinations further east. West 39th Street between 9th and 10th Avenues will be closed for many months. Lanes are already closed on West 37th, West 38th, and West 39th Streets, with additional lane closures planned for West 40th Street and 10th Avenue. Many construction vehicles and cement trucks will add to the congestion. Further, the Gateway Project will close portions of 10th Avenue and the full West 29th Street block between 11th and 12th Avenues.

These areas are already severely congested with Lincoln Tunnel traffic, and we should expect conditions to worsen significantly.

We understand that some bus operators who currently use gates inside the PABT may seek on-street bus terminals for the duration of the project. This would be a disaster for our community: it would overwhelm our neighborhood with traffic, clog narrow sidewalks, hurt small businesses, and worsen already poor air quality.

Since 2011, MCB4 has had extensive experience with on-street bus terminals. We have approved locations away from residences and businesses, with a preference for 11th or 12th Avenues and the blocks in between, where buses and passengers cause fewer conflicts and disruptions.

We strongly urge that, for the duration of the project, the City establish a "construction corral" within which no new on-street intercity bus stop or terminal may be approved. The corral would cover 8th, 9th, and 10th Avenues, as well as Hudson Boulevard, and the blocks between 8th and 11th Avenues from West 29th to West 45th Street (the "construction corral"). See map enclosed.

Similar restrictions are in use—successfully and legally—in other major cities.[1]

Sincerely,

[1] https://chekpeds.com/wp-content/uploads/Intercity-Bus-Practices_compressed.pdf

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Enclosure

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Hon. Mark Levine, Manhattan Borough President
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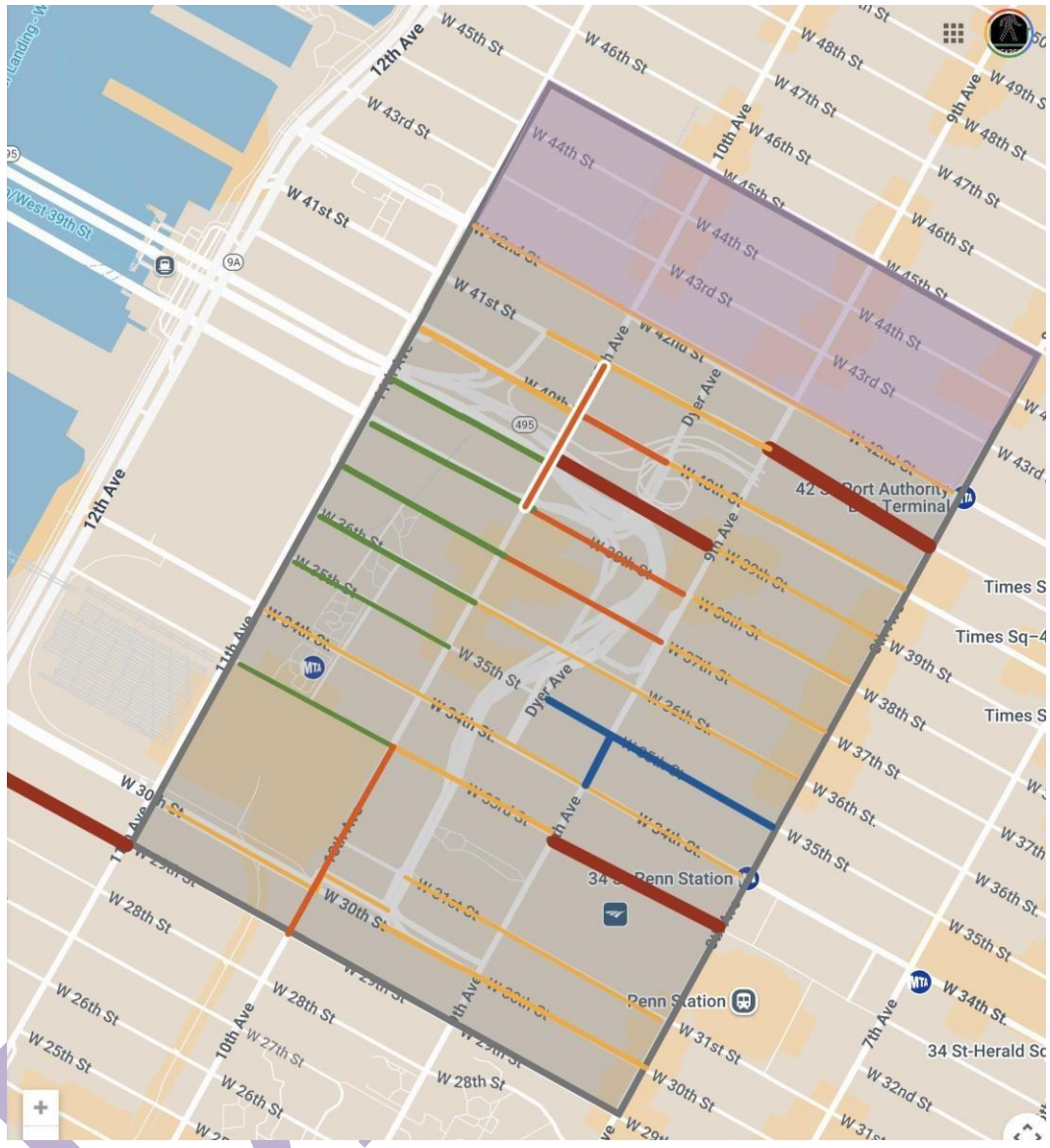

Street closure
Lanes closure
Lincoln Tunnel queues
NYPD precinct and parking
Park adjacency