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Thomas F. Prendergast
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RE: Change in M16 Bus Stop Location

Dear Mr. Prendergast:

Community Board 4 (CB4) requests that the M16 bus stop currently located in front of 305 West 43rd Street be relocated about 70 ft farther west in front of 309 West 43rd Street with sufficient space for buses to approach the curb.

Second Stage Theater is a five-story non-profit theater located at 305 West 43rd Street, requiring loading and unloading space for deliveries of heavy material. In addition, rehearsal spaces will be located at 307 West 43rd Street when the construction is completed. Both addresses would benefit from a truck loading zone. 309 West 43rd Street, farther to the west, is a small residential building more appropriate for a bus stop.

The change would be beneficial for pedestrians, bus riders and traffic flow. The current location of the bus stop forces trucks to stop farther away and cart heavy equipment on the narrow sidewalk, which sometimes conflict with bus riders stepping off the bus. At other times, the trucks stand in the bus stop, forcing bus riders to step in the street while exiting and causing the bus to back up the traffic on West 43rd Street to Eighth Avenue. In addition, the corner is a difficult bus and truck traffic turn onto West 43 Street from Eighth Avenue, heading west, and needs a wide turning radius; therefore, approximately 60 ft from the curb of the North West corner of West 43rd Street and Eighth Ave should be posted no parking or standing anytime.

This change will be beneficial to the bus riders, the public and the theater.

Sincerely,



John Weis
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