

September 9, 2002

Mildred Duran  
Director  
Street Activity Permit Office  
51 Chambers Street  
New York, NY 10007

**Re: Street Activity Permit Application for 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue (b. 23<sup>rd</sup>/34<sup>th</sup>)**

**Applicant:** Penn South Independence  
**Location:** 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue (b. 23<sup>rd</sup>/34<sup>th</sup>)  
**Date:** Saturday, September 8, 2002  
**Time:** 11:00 am – 6:00 pm

At its August 21, 2002 meeting, the Transportation Planning Committee of Manhattan Community Board No. 4 voted again to deny the Street Activity Permit for the above referenced organization. This matter was brought to the Committee's attention at its May 15, 2002 meeting and they voted to oppose the granting of the application at a different location, from 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue (b. 23<sup>rd</sup>/34<sup>th</sup>). The previous denial was based on the bus service disruption that would negatively affect traffic flow around the Lincoln Tunnel and Main Post Office. In addition, the traffic build-up above 34<sup>th</sup> Street would also have an impact on vehicles trying to reach the tunnel entrance.

Eighth Avenue between 23<sup>rd</sup> and 34<sup>th</sup> Streets is also too heavily trafficked to permit a street fair. The Committee previously indicated to the group that in view of its lack of any track record in providing community assistance, the Committee would consider a plan for a one block side-street event. The Committee maintains its position to deny the application, even though the location has moved to 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

At its meeting on September 4, 2002 the Committee's negative recommendation was endorsed by the entire full Board.

Sincerely,



Simone Sindin  
Chair  
Manhattan Community Board No. 4

Joshua David  
Co-Chair  
Transportation Planning Committee

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Co-Chair  
Transportation Planning Committee

cc: Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor  
Hon. C. Virginia Fields, Manhattan Borough President  
Local Elected Officials  
Mardi Gras Festival