

December 8, 2003

Iris Weinshall, Commissioner
New York City Department of Transportation
Division of Franchises, Concessions and Consents
40 Worth Street, Room 940
New York, NY 10013

Re: Request for No Parking/No Standing zone at 400 West 43rd Street

Dear Commissioner Weinshall;

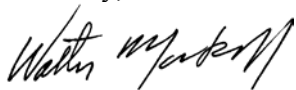
At its November 19, 2003 meeting, Manhattan Community Board No. 4's Transportation Planning Committee heard from Marisa Redanty, President of the Manhattan Plaza Tenants Association, concerning the inability of the disabled and senior residents of Manhattan Plaza to access Access-A-Ride vehicles, taxis, cars & ambulettes at the 400 West 43rd Street entrance to Manhattan Plaza.

Current regulations allow van and truck unloading at this entrance. Vans and trucks are permanently parked and left unmanned for hours at a time, which results in a hazardous situation for the senior and disabled residents squeezing between these vehicles.

Upon hearing the testimony of Ms. Redanty, the Transportation and Planning Committee voted unanimously to ask for a restricted/ambulette zone at this entrance.

Therefore we request that the Department of Transportation provide a thirty (30) foot restricted (ambulette) zone at 400 West 43rd street where there would be no parking and no standing which would be for the picking up and dropping off of passengers only.

Sincerely,



Walter Mankoff
Chair
Manhattan Community Board No. 4



Joshua David
Co-Chair
Transportation Planning Committee



John Rust
Co-Chair
Transportation Planning Committee

cc: Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor
Hon. C. Virginia Fields, Manhattan Borough President
Local Elected Officials
Manhattan Plaza Tenants Association

