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Margaret Forgione  
Borough Commissioner  
NYC Department of Transportation  
45 Worth Street  
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**Re: Taxi Stand on Ninth Avenue between 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Streets (Chelsea Market)**

Dear Commissioner Forgione:

Manhattan Community Board 4 requests that the NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) install a taxi stand on the west side of Ninth Avenue in front of the Chelsea Market to reduce the congestion on the western portion of the avenue. It should be tried on a temporary basis for six months.

The traffic realignment on Ninth Avenue between 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Streets created an island dividing traffic into separate channels: two moving lanes flowing into Hudson Street on the eastern portion of the avenue, and one moving lane for right turns onto 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Streets on the western portion. There is also a parking lane on that western channel.

Chelsea Market, on the west side of Ninth Avenue on this block, is a very popular destination with a high volume of taxis dropping off and picking up passengers at its entrance. The taxis currently stop in the single moving lane, blocking traffic and creating potentially hazardous conditions for people entering and exiting taxis.

Changing the parking regulations on this block (15<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> Streets) on the west side of Ninth Avenue, which currently allows metered parking to a taxi stand on the northern section of the block and a no standing zone for the remainder of the block, would resolve this potentially dangerous condition. The taxi stand could be three to five cars long; although we trust the DOT analysts will determine its exact appropriate length.

This solution would make it much safer for people being picked up and dropped off at Chelsea Market, as well as ease congestion on the west of Ninth Avenue currently caused by taxis blocking the single lane of traffic. Community Board 4 recommends that it be set up on a temporary basis for six months, after which the community and the DOT can evaluate whether this solution is effective.

Sincerely,



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