



CITY OF NEW YORK

MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD FOUR

330 West 42nd Street, 26th floor New York, NY 10036
tel: 212-736-4536 fax: 212-947-9512
www.ManhattanCB4.org

JEAN-DANIEL NOLAND
Chair

ROBERT J. BENFATTO, JR., ESQ.
District Manager

December 19, 2007

Gary Schiavone
c/o Metropolitan Transit Authority
33-00 Northern Blvd
Long Island City, NY 11101

Re: Access-a-Ride Signs in front of the Veterans Outpatient Clinic, 437 West 16th Street

Dear Mr. Schiavone:

Manhattan Community Board 4 requests Access-a-Ride signs in front of the Veterans Outpatient Clinic associated with the New York Harbor Healthcare system.

The clinic is a federally funded clinic, which serves veterans from the Korean, Vietnam and Iraq wars. Many patients are handicapped and require ambulatory assistance to visit the clinic for medical treatment. The clinic currently serves approximately 150 patients a day, most of who arrive via shuttle van or Access-a-Ride.

The clinic has been in the building for approximately eleven years and has renewed its lease for another ten years. In the past, parking space was plentiful on this block; but now a large condominium is being built on the west and a music venue has opened to the east, creating a parking shortage that causes serious difficulties for the veterans and the clinic. There is not even one handicapped parking on the entire block. Currently, there is an existing curb cut in front of the clinic entrance.

We are therefore asking the MTA to install Access-a-Ride signs in front of the Veterans Outpatient Clinic at 437 West 16th Street for the full width of the building. The signs should prohibit parking or standing from 6:30 am to 7:00 pm, Monday through Saturday and on holidays. Once the signs are installed, the Veterans Clinic will paint a yellow line on the curb between the two signs.

Sincerely,

Jean-Daniel Noland
Chair
Manhattan Community
Board No. 4

Jay Marcus
Co-Chair
Transportation Planning
Committee

Christine Berthet
Co-Chair
Transportation Planning
Committee

cc: NYC DOT Borough Commissioner Forgione
Veterans Clinic