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Janet Sadik Kahn
Commissioner
NYC Department of Transportation

Re: relocation of non-MTA Bus Stops at West 42nd Street

Dear Ms. Sadik Khan:

Manhattan Community Board 4 (CB4) requests that the NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) relocate all non-MTA stops from 42nd to 41st Streets between Eighth and Ninth Avenues. CB4 is convinced that the M42 reliability would be much improved if commuter buses were not regularly obstructing the bus lanes on both sides of the Eighth to Ninth Avenue block.

DOT has granted official bus stops to commuter bus companies on both sides of the street. These buses and a collection of jitney commuter vans use this area as their terminal. The buses are very old and idle for hours, spewing noxious exhaust fumes including possible carcinogens. Measurement of particulate levels proved to be three times higher than the tolerable threshold in tests that have been reported.

Sincerely,

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