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Commissioner Steve Lawitts
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Chief Michael Scagnelli
NYPD Transportation
One Police Plaza
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Re: 30th Street between Eighth and Ninth Avenues – DOT signage and NYPD changes

Dear Ms. Forgione, Mr. Lawitts and Mr. Scagnelli:

Manhattan Community Board 4 (CB4) requests that the police officers currently operating a seatbelt checkpoint at 30th Street between Eighth and Ninth Avenues, relocate their operation to a wider, non residential street, potentially further West on 30th Street. In addition, we request that no honking signs be installed on this block and that the parking regulations be changed to better reflect the residential nature of the block.

30th Street between Eighth and Ninth Avenues is an entirely residential block with stores only at the corner of the avenues. The French Hospital building on this block was converted long ago to apartments. However, this street carries heavy traffic since it is one of the main entry routes from the Lincoln tunnel to midtown.

With the seatbelt patrol pulling over drivers, the two-lane street frequently becomes a one-lane street. This causes backups all the way to Ninth Avenue and in the recently created turning bay on Ninth Avenue. It also causes many cars to honk.

CB4 requests that NYPD relocate the seatbelt patrol to the west of Ninth Avenue, where 30th Street is wider and completely commercial. This will have the added benefit of reducing the spillover of cars in the turning bay on Ninth Avenue.

CB4 further requests that two “No Honking“ signs be installed on 30th Street between Eighth and Ninth Avenue, regularly spaced on the block.

Finally CB4 requests that the parking regulation on the north side of the block (30th Street between Eighth and Ninth Avenues) be changed from “commercial vehicles only- metered parking to “all vehicles - metered parking, one hour maximum” with alternate street cleaning. The commercial only regulation street is a remnant of the French hospital, which stopped operating there over 10 years ago.

These steps will improve the quality of life of residents, improve the flow of cars coming from New Jersey and reduce traffic back ups on Ninth Avenue.

Sincerely,



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