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Fernando Ferrer, Acting Chairman
Metropolitan Transit Authority
347 Madison Avenue, 5th Floor
New York, New York 10017

Re: Relocation of M34A bus stop

Dear Mr. Ferrer:

Manhattan Community Board 4 (CB4) requests that the Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) relocate the M34A bus terminus stop and layover from the northeast corner of W. 43rd Street and Ninth Avenue to the middle of the block between Eighth and Ninth Avenues. This will make it possible to install a critical safety improvement at this dangerous intersection.

Respondents to last year’s Senior Survey indicated that the south crossing of Ninth Avenue at W. 43rd Street is particularly dangerous because of the high volume of west bound jitneys, buses and delivery trucks turning south onto Ninth Avenue and conflicting with pedestrians. This is consistent with the Department of Transportation (DOT) findings in the Hell’s Kitchen Study and DOT has agreed to install a split phase for westbound vehicles turning south onto Ninth Avenue. However, in the new configuration, the bus would not be allowed to use the dedicated turn lane and turn south on Ninth Avenue.

By relocating the stop to the middle of the block, just east of the school traffic light, the departing bus will be able to merge into the left turn lane. In addition the loading zone located on the south side of the street at the southeast corner will be relocated to the northeast corner preserving much needed loading space.

This change in configuration will achieve a critical improvement in pedestrian safety that the community has been clamoring for. We ask that the MTA expedite this relocation to coincide with the soon-to-be installed signal changes for the rest of the Ninth Avenue bike lanes.

Sincerely,

Corey Johnson
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