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Manhattan Borough Commissioner
NYC Department of Transportation
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Zachary Campbell
Assistant Director Government & Community Relations
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347 Madison Avenue
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**Re: Seventh Avenue at West 25th Street
Bus stop relocation and change in parking regulation**

Dear Commissioner Forgione and Mr. Campbell:

Manhattan Community Board 4 (CB4) supports the Chelsea Mercantile Condominium Board's request to relocate the bus stop and change the parking regulation on their block on the east side of Seventh Avenue between West 24th and West 25th Streets.

This part of Chelsea east has experienced an explosive growth in the last 10 years. The Chelsea Mercantile is home to 1,000 residents including 200 children. Whole Foods occupies the entirety of the commercial spaces on the block frontage except for the entrance to the condominium.

There is a hydrant at the corner of West 25th Street, then going south, a bus stop and four parking spaces at the corner of West 24th Street with a "No Standing 4PM to 7PM Monday thru Friday, 1 Hour parking 8AM to 4PM except Sunday" regulation.

The armored cars delivering Whole Foods cash to the bank often park illegally in front of the hydrant and prevent buses to come close to the curb. Taxi drivers often drop-off customers in the bus stop. The bus usually cannot access the curb and let off passengers in the street. When handicapped persons get off the bus in the street, they have to navigate in the traffic to one of the pedestrian ramps at either end of the block. The residents feel this situation is dangerous and will lead to injuries if not corrected.

We request that the Bus stop be moved to a more traditional location, at the northwest corner of Seventh Avenue and West 24th Street. The four parking spaces would be removed to make place to the bus stop.

Simultaneously, we request that a new regulation of “No Standing Except Truck Loading and Unloading” on the curb between the end of the bus stop and the hydrant.

Whole Foods and the condominium board both support his change that will improve convenience and safety for bus riders and other users of the street.

Sincerely,

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Christine Berthet
Chair

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Jay Marcus
Chair, Transportation Planning Committee