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Margaret Forgione  
Manhattan Borough Commissioner  
NYC Department of Transportation  
59 Maiden Lane, 37th Floor  
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**Re: Martz Coach Company Bus Drop off Request  
West Side of 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue and West 36<sup>th</sup> Street**

Dear Commissioner Forgione:

Manhattan Community Board 4 (CB4) recommends denial on the application from the Frank Martz Coach Company for a bus stop located on the west side of 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue between West 35<sup>th</sup> and 36<sup>th</sup> Streets. CB4 does not believe this is an appropriate location for this proposed bus stop because of the following reasons:

- The Frank Martz Company currently operates out of several gates within the Port Authority Bus Terminal (PABT), and we believe the proposed location is too close in proximity to the PABT to warrant a curbside bus stop. Furthermore we do not want to encourage bus companies who are already operating in the PABT to move their operations on to our already congested streets.
- The proposed location is in very close proximity to a Lincoln Tunnel approach, and having a curbside operation could increase congestion.
- The proposed location is already identified as an MTA accessible bus stop, and CB4 does not believe it would be appropriate to encourage private buses to block this stop.
- The adjacent side walk has very wide tree pits, which could obstruct the curb side operation of the bus.
- The proposed location is adjacent to a parking lot, which has two entrances directly in front of the proposed bus stop.
- The proposed location is frequently used by the NYPD as parking for their personal cars, and as an illegal layover location by another bus company. Adding a legal bus stop will only add more elements to an already congested curb.

Manhattan Community Board 4 appreciates the opportunity to comment on this application, and we hope the DOT will deny this application for the reasons listed above.

Sincerely,



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