



CITY OF NEW YORK

**MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD FOUR**

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**DELORES RUBIN**

Chair

**Jesse Bodine**

District Manager

April 14, 2017

Luis Sanchez

Acting Manhattan Borough Commissioner

NYC Department of Transportation

59 Maiden Lane, 37<sup>th</sup> Floor

New York, NY 10037

**Re: Intercity Bus Stop for pick-up on north side of 327 West 42nd St. and drop-off on south side of 300 W40 St.**

Dear Commissioner Sanchez,

At Manhattan Community Board 4's (MCB4) March 15<sup>th</sup> 2017 Transportation Committee meeting, Mr. Murtada of Sfiniex Line Express, Inc., representing his commuter shuttle/bus service to and from New Jersey, reported a number of concerning with regards to both his Department of Transportation (DOT) application and operations at his pick-up location at 327 West 42<sup>nd</sup> Street and drop off location at 300 West 40<sup>th</sup> Street. If the facts presented by the applicant are verified by DOT MCB4 support his application for five daily pick-ups and two daily drop-offs at the proposed locations.

As you may know, in August 2015, MCB4 opposed permitting Fuji, Three aces and Sphinx/Galaxy Towers to create a stop for three(3) bus length on the north side of 42nd Street because this stop would be in a bus lane. The applicants had been operating illegally on the south side of the street for 12 months before they agreed to seek a permit. One of the companies sued the DOT and the Community Board as part of the process. Nevertheless DOT granted a permit for 85 pick- up a week, a 63% increase over the pick-ups the applicants had justified. MCB4 continues to advocate to DOT and NYPD to appropriately enforcement of the stipulations.

The following facts presented by the applicant need to be verified by DOT:

- The operator applied for an intercity bus stop permit at the same locations in 2012, but his application was misplaced, and thus he was not included in the permit given to the three companies
- The operator is already using the stop, at the discretion of the permitted companies and therefore this permit will not increase the number of pickups and drop offs at these locations.

At its April 5<sup>th</sup> Full Board meeting a representative from Sphinx/Galaxy Towers bus company spoke at the public session and denied that their client were allowing the applicant to use the stop.

If the information that the applicant represented is consistent with the Department of Transportation's understanding of the situation, Manhattan Community Board 4 supports Sfiniex's request as it will not negatively impact traffic, bus and pedestrian congestion per current volumes.

Sincerely,



Delores Rubin  
Chair



Christine Berthet  
Co-Chair, Transportation  
Planning Committee



Yoni Bokser  
Co-Chair, Transportation  
Planning Committee

cc: Mr. Murtada, Sfiniex Line Express, Inc.

Via FAX # 212-747-1111

To Attn: Mrs. Patricia Couris  
 Attn: Mr. Earnest

## Manhattan Community Board 4 - Intercity Bus Permit and Stipulations

Please attach a copy of your bus stop request to the NYC DOT  
 All fields must be completed

enter data in this column

Permit from Date to Date	03/15/2017 - 3/14/2020
Bus Company Marketing name (DBA)	SFINIEX Line EXPRESS, INC
Company Corporate Name	SFINIEX Line EXPRESS, INC
CEO or Owner's Name	Michael Murtada
Corporate Address	1068 Main Street Paterson NJ 07503
Email Address	Elmarmurtana@aol.com
Phone Number	201-673-0087
Address of requested bus stop (where the sign will be located)	Pickup: 327 W. 42nd Street between 8th & 9th Ave Manhattan Drop off: 300 W. 40th Street between 8th & 9th Ave Manhattan
Bus stop Length (in feet)	35 Feet
Bus stop length in # of buses	One bus Length
Peak hour # of passengers per bus	35 Passengers
Total number of buses on this route	1 Bus
Maximum number of pickups per day	5 Pickups
Maximum number of drop off per day	Daily 1 Drop-off / Friday 2 drop offs
Final Destination of the bus service	From NYC to North Jersey From NJ To NYC
What will be the route for your bus from entering New York City limits, to the bus stop requested, to leaving New York City limits?	Peak hrs Dyer Ave Contra Lane to Lincoln Tunnel other times 11th Ave to Lincoln Tunnel
Number of layover locations	2
Addresses of layover locations	- Dyer Ave or - 11th Ave



# Bus Fleet

For each bus using this stop please provide

Bus US DOT registration number	or state registration	Bus dimensions (Length in ft.)	Capacity (# passengers)
59172	I/usdot	33 FT	35 P.

Location and Safety		
Please include a diagram of the street where you are requesting a stop, including measurements of all existing uses and your proposed stop.		
Current parking regulations at the location of the stop		
Is it in a Bus lane?		
What are the other obstructions ( curb cuts, hydrants etc..)		
List the businesses, institutions and residences located along the length of bus stop	this is A commercial Area in front huyesking and another Grocery store.	
Did you speak with the businesses above and the block association about your planned operation?	already abus Company granted a permit at the same location	
Provide the name of the persons you spoke to for each of them and the date on which you spoke to them	N/A	
Where and when did you post the notice of the Community Board Transportation Committee Hearing?	3/11/2017 at the light Pool at 327 W. 42nd street and 300 W. 40th street	
First Alternate Location Address	Pick up 327 W. 42nd street Drop off 300 W. 40th street between 8th 29th ave	
Second Alternate location Address	Pick up 323 W 42nd street Drop off 330 W. 42nd street	
Excluding this application, does your company have additional intercity bus service in New York City?	NONE	
If yes, attach a list of your existing stop location, schedules and what destination they serve. (If you stops are in the Port Authority Bus Terminal or GW Bridge Bus Station please include the slip number)		
Are all drivers your employees?	yes	
Please provide your safety records per the USDOT- Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration	Serious Violations in the last 12 months	On-road Performance Basic Percentile
Operation by drivers in a dangerous or careless manner	NONE	
Operation by drivers who are ill, fatigued or in non compliance with the hours of service (HOS) regulations	NONE	
Operation by drivers who are unfit to operate due to lack of training, experience or medical qualifications	NONE	
Operation by drivers who are impaired due to alcohol, illegal drugs, misuse of prescription or over-the-counter medications.	NONE	
Failure to properly maintain vehicles	NONE	

See Attached  
 Exh (A-2)  
 Loss Run Report  
 From Insurance  
 Companies

### Compliance with Stipulations and Laws

circle one

Will you promptly notify the Department of changes to information provided in its application.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	No
Will you prominently display a copy of the Intercity Bus Permit in each intercity bus operating pursuant to such Intercity Bus Permit	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	No
Will you display on each intercity bus using the designated location(s) the operator's name, address and telephone number affixed in characters at least five inches high on both sides of the vehicle, with such display being in a color contrasting with that of the vehicle and placed approximately midway vertically on doors or side panels.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	No
Will you pick-up and discharge passengers only at on-street bus stops designated by the Commissioner for use by the permitted buses and within twelve inches of the curb and parallel thereto	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	No
Will you Not stop or stand in your assigned on-street bus stop location except when actively engaged in the pick-up or discharge of passengers.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	No
Will you Notify the Department of the issuance of any violation by the United States Department of Transportation Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration or the New York State Department of Transportation within five days of the issuance thereof.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	No
Will you cause your drivers to comply with idling laws ( less than 1 minute idling in vicinity of a school or 3 minutes otherwise)?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	No
Will you post a prominent sign inside the bus to remind drivers to turn off their engines after 1 (one) minute?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	No
Will you maintain at all times 8ft of clear pedestrian right of way on the sidewalk?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	No
Will you Not sell tickets on the sidewalk?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	No
In addition to the driver, will you have an employee on site at all times to ensure orderly loading, no idling and preserve 8 ft. of pedestrian passage	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	No
Will you ensure your drivers use the permitted route to access the stop?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	No
If relevant, will you bring each of your five safety measurements below the 50% threshold by all means necessary within 2 years of the granting of the permit ?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	No

<b>Manhattan Community Board 4 recommends</b>	<input type="radio"/> Denial	<input type="radio"/> Denial unless all the stipulations above are agreed to by the applicant and are considered part of its permit
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**MCB4 Representatives**

**Patricia Couris**  
MCB4 Planning Coordinator

**Ernest Mandarelli**  
MCB4 Transportation Committee  
Co-Chair

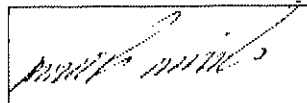
**Jay Marcis**  
MCB4 Transportation Committee  
Co-Chair

**Applicant Agreement with the Community**

Applicant agrees to these stipulations as the basis for the community support of this application and acknowledges that all of these stipulations are essential prerequisites to the MCB4 recommendation regarding this application. Applicant agrees to have these stipulations incorporated in his intercity permit. The written stipulations above constitute the entire agreement between MCB4 and applicant and may only be altered in writing signed by MCB4 and applicant. These written stipulations supersede any oral statements or representations in connection with this application.

**SIGN HERE**

Signature of Applicant



Date

3/10/2017



EXH. (A-2)



4751 WILSHIRE BLVD, SUITE 111  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90010  
(P)888.333.8198  
(F)323.692.4133  
KNIGHTBROOK.COM

September 14, 2016

Re: Lee Filippelli  
Clay Thomas & Associates, LLC  
rfi: [lfilippelli@claythomasassoc.com](mailto:lfilippelli@claythomasassoc.com)

RE: Loss Runs, Sfiniex Line Express, Inc.

As requested, please find the loss development data for the above mentioned insured as outlined below:

**Loss development**

Policy Number	Effective Dates	Incurred Losses	Loss Ratio
15 000163	10/22/2014-10/22/2015	\$0.00	0%

Please contact your agent if you require clarification or need additional information.

Thank you,

Alejandra Soto  
Compliance Specialist  
Knight Insurance Group, LLC



September 13, 2016

SFINEX LINE EXPRESS

PO BOX 185  
FAIRVIEW NJ 07022

Re: LOSS RUN  
POLICY # VEN 3000229-(01-01)

To Whom It May Concern:

Regarding your request for a "Loss Run" please find as follows:

Original Date of Policy: 10/22/15  
Expiration Date: 10/22/16

There are no reported losses.

Sincerely,

Topa Insurance Group