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November 4, 2016

Luis Sanchez
Acting Manhattan Borough Commissioner
NYC Department of Transportation
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Re: West 37th Street Bus Layover Parking

Dear Acting Commissioner Sanchez,

Manhattan Community Board 4 (CB4) supports the Hudson Yards / Hell's Kitchen Alliance (HYHKA) July 2016 request to relocate the existing 438' of bus layover parking from West 37th Street between Ninth and Tenth Avenues and install a mid block crossing.

CB4 recognizes the recent and ongoing changes to this block, including the increase in pedestrian traffic, the increased number of residential units, and the presence of a busy midblock food market with a new Street Seat on the north side close to the midblock. As such, bus layover has become an inappropriate - and at times - unsafe use of the curb.

We also understand that DDC and DEP will soon initiate a project to replace water connections and buses will have to be relocated during that period.

CB4 requests that DOT relocate the bus layover parking to one of the following locations:

- West 39th street (10/11)
- West 41st Street (10/11) West of the Lincoln Tunnel access
- West 41st Street (11/12) South side of the street

Change the parking regulations on the portion of the West 37th Street where the current bus parking regulation is removed to:

- Two spaces for 1-hour Taxi relief of taxi layover (to be relocated from West 39th Street)

- Metered residential parking for the balance of that section.

Finally, a midblock pedestrian crossing should be installed at the westernmost limit of the Port Authority bridges as described in the attachment.

We look forward to hearing from DOT on their timeline for implementation.

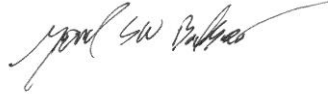
Sincerely,



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**RE: DDC Water Main Project as an Opportunity to Relocate Bus Layover Parking
Away from 37th Street**

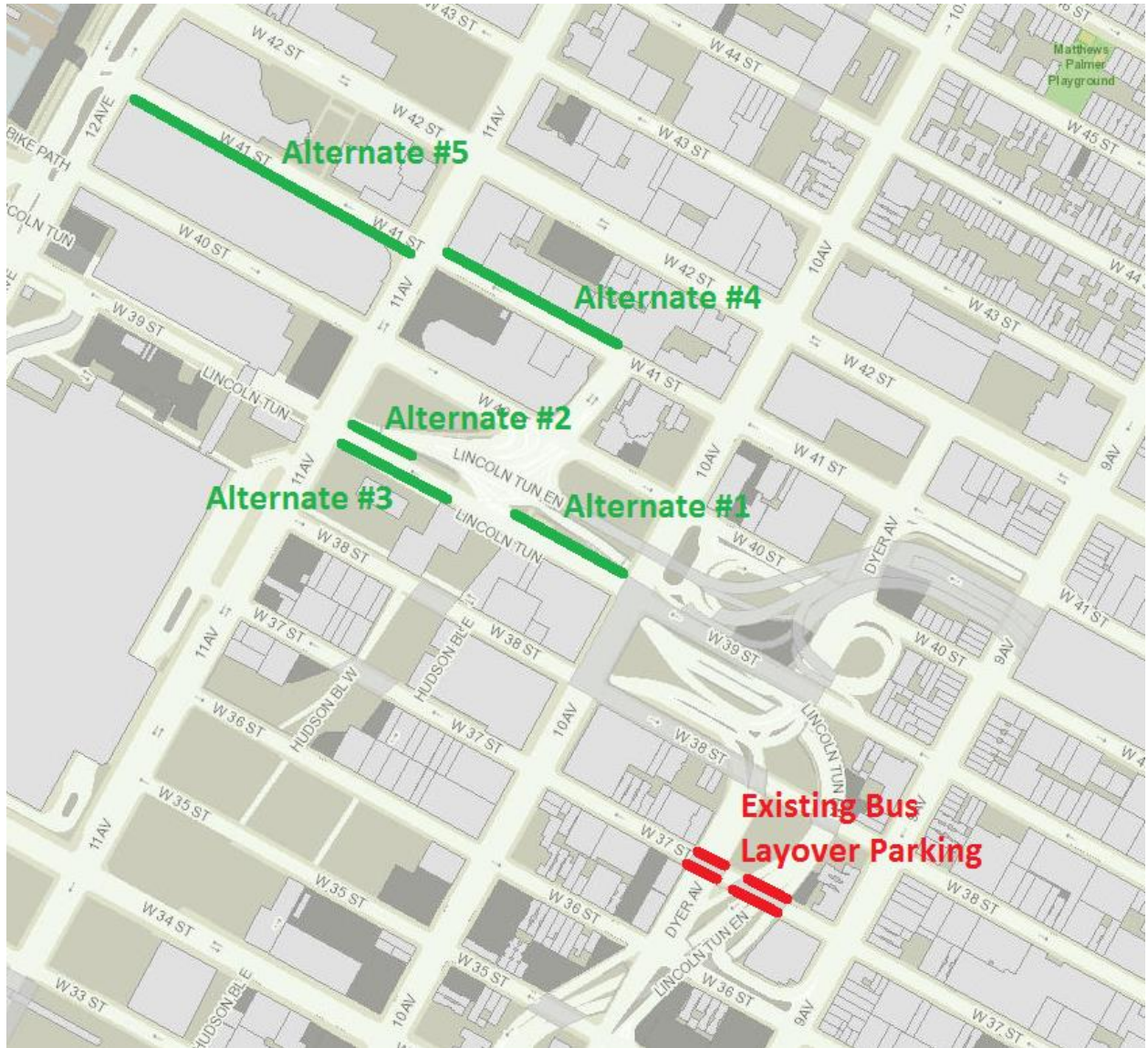
Dear Acting Manhattan Borough Commissioner Sanchez:

As you know, DDC's MEDA001 water main reconstruction project will have significant impacts, such as water shut-offs, noise, traffic congestion, and the temporary loss of curbside parking. 37th Street, between 9th and 10th Avenues, is part of the project. The Hudson Yards / Hell's Kitchen Alliance (HYHKA) has targeted this block for public realm improvements, such as a DOT-approved Street Seat installation and a public art project. The block currently has 438 feet of curbside space allocated to unsightly bus layover parking. *We believe DDC's project is a great opportunity to relocate the bus parking away from this block.* To that end, HYHKA has identified 1,630 feet of available curbside parking nearby, of which some could be allocated to bus layover parking.

We believe that some alternate locations could and should become a medium-term solution, freeing up 37th Street curbside space for other uses, such as truck loading, alternate side parking, beautification, and a mid-block crossing. The following map, photos, and text detail the alternate locations.



Existing Conditions on 37th Street



Existing Bus Layover Parking (37th Street) and Possible Alternate Locations

Note: this map only shows the existing bus parking on 37th Street, not other side streets

**Alternate Location #1:
North side of 39th Street, west of 10th Ave
250 feet of available curbside space**

Pros:
Fronts Port Authority property
Low traffic volumes

Cons:
N/A



North side of 39th St., west of 10th Ave

**Alternate Location #2:
North side of 39th Street, east of 11th Ave
175 feet of available curbside space**

Pros:
Fronts Port Authority property
Low traffic volumes

Cons:
350' currently reserved for "NYP" (New York Press) license plates, however there are usually few NYP licensed cars along this curb. Half of that space may be sufficient for NYP cars.



Right side is north side of 39th Street

**Alternate Location #3:
South side of 39th Street, east of 11th Ave
230 feet of available curbside space**

Pros:
Low traffic volumes

Cons:
Fronts private property, which will be redeveloped in the future.



Left side is south side of 39th Street

**Alternate Location #4:
North side of 41st Street, east of 11th Ave
300 feet of available curbside space**

Pros:
Low traffic volumes
Downstream of Lincoln Tunnel entrance

Cons:
Fronts private property, however the uses are only loading bays, not active retail or residential.

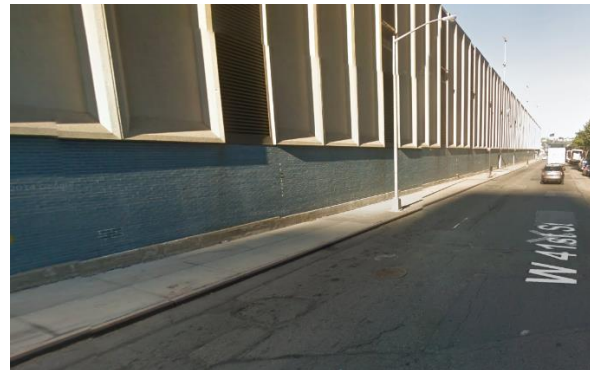


North side of 41st Street, east of 11th Ave

**Alternate Location #5:
South side of 41st Street, west of 11th Ave
675 feet of available curbside space**

Pros:
Low traffic volumes
Fronts existing MTA bus garage

Cons:
Across street from residential property



South side of 41st Street, west of 11th Ave

Some of these locations may not be feasible, for various reason. However, we hope that DOT can take the lead on finding a medium-term alternative to bus layover parking on 37th Street. If you are successful, we would greatly appreciate the opportunity to suggest specific alternate curbside uses for 37th Street, which will be informed by a consultant-led Streetscape Study that we are currently engaged in.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need any assistance.

Sincerely,

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