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Luis Sanchez
Acting Manhattan Borough Commissioner
Department of Transportation
59 Maiden Lane, 37th Floor
New York, NY

Re: Taxi Layover Relief Stand Relocation – 39th Street and 9th Avenue

Dear Acting Commissioner Sanchez,

The New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) has studied the intersection of 39th Street and 9th Avenue and found that Westbound/Lincoln Tunnel-bound vehicles that make a southbound turn from 39th Street have injured many pedestrians who use the south crossing of 9th Avenue. It has come to Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4)'s attention that the installation of a split LPI signal that would protect the pedestrian crossing is pending the creation of a left turn lane and necessitates the relocation of the two –car taxi relief stand.

MCB4 supports the immediate removal of a 1-hour taxi relief stand parking regulations located at the south east corner of 39th Street close to 9th Avenue to a near-by site in favor of the creation of a no-standing anytime, signalized left turn lane.

MCB4 supports DOT working with the Taxi Industry and local community to find nearby locations suitable for the creation of new 1-hour taxi relief stand parking regulation. MCB4 would specifically suggest DOT examine the north side of 37th Street between 9th and 10th Avenues, on the easternmost bridge over the tunnel approaches. There is a separate plan to relocate bus parking and change the parking regulations on 37th Street and MCB4 has expressed support for this plan in a separate letter.

MCB4 looks forward to hearing DOT's timeline for creating an LPI and changing the parking regulations on 39th street and DOT's relocation outreach plan. We recommend that this relocation be effected as soon as possible.

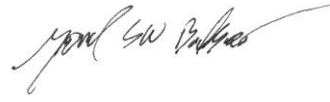
Sincerely,



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