



CITY OF NEW YORK

MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD FOUR

330 West 42nd Street, 26th floor New York, NY 10036
tel: 212-736-4536 fax: 212-947-9512
www.ManhattanCB4.org

JEAN-DANIEL NOLAND
Chair

ROBERT J. BENFATTO, JR., ESQ.
District Manager

May 18, 2009

Borough Commissioner Margaret Forgione
NYC Department of Transportation
59 Maiden Lane, 35th Floor
New York, NY 10038

Re: Taxi Stand at Tenth Avenue between West 17th and 18th Streets

Dear Commissioner Forgione,

Manhattan Community Board 4 requests a taxi stand be located between West 17th Street and West 18th Street along the east side of Tenth Avenue. The taxi stand would replace the existing “No Parking 7am to 7pm Except Sunday” and “No Standing 7a to 10am Except Sunday” signs currently on the block. The taxi stand, which has been proposed by the Chelsea Improvement Company, would alleviate the traffic problems and noise related to the bars and clubs in the area (and new ones proposed).

There are four active clubs/bars/restaurants in the immediate area – Morimoto (occupancy of 500), 1Oak (occupancy 250), the former Earth (occupancy 299) and Park (occupancy 1,050). Another bar recently closed, but may reopen with a different operator and had an occupancy of 74.

All of them have a substantial number of patrons who arrive and depart by taxi, causing extreme traffic congestion in the area. It is hoped that a taxi stand will alleviate the congestion and reduce the number of taxi’s who use 17th Street, a mostly residential street, for drop off and pick up. The owners/managers of the above mentioned clubs have agreed to participate in this effort and make an effort for the efficient utilization of the taxi stand.

Sincerely,

Jean-Daniel Noland
Chair
Manhattan
Community Board 4

Christine Berthet
Co-Chair
Transportation Planning
Committee

Jay Marcus
Co-Chair
Transportation Planning
Committee

c.c. Chelsea Improvement Company