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NYC Police Department
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Margaret Forgione
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
NYC Department of Transportation
59 Maiden Lane, 37th Floor
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Dear Captain Miller and Commissioner Forgione:

Manhattan Community Board #4 requests that both DOT and the NYPD increase their efforts to reduce illegal truck usage of West 15th Streets through West 22nd Streets, west of Seventh Avenue. This is in response from complaints of resident on West 15th Street, West 19th Street, and West 22nd Street in the last two months.

In 2007 and 2008 both DOT and the Police Department worked with the Community Board to address complaints from several block associations and the Chelsea Council of Block Associations. The high volume of truck traffic led to street noise on these low-rise building streets and higher levels of street deterioration, including busted water pipes on West 15th Street and frequent street repaving. Based on Block Association and Community Board requests, several "Local Truck Only" and "No Thru Truck" signs were installed and police ticketing increased. Both the block association and residents reported reduced truck usage during that time.

In the last couple of years, particularly with the increase of construction activity, residents are reporting a substantial increase in street non-local truck usage and construction trucks using local streets to get to avenues, rather than truck routes (West 14th and West 34th Streets). They also reported signs in several locations were removed for construction projects and not reinstalled or have become blocked by overgrown trees, including signs on Tenth Avenue near West 22nd Street and before Ninth Avenue on West 19th Street.

We thus request that, similar to 2007 and 2008, DOT and the Police Department work together to both install improved signage and increase enforcement. The Transportation Committee of the

Community Board stands ready to work with you by identifying appropriate place for new or improved signage and specific streets for increased ticketing/enforcement.

We request that both agencies keep us informed of their efforts over the next months.

Sincerely,



Corey Johnson
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