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Ms. Margaret Forgione  
Manhattan Borough Commissioner  
New York City Department of Transportation  
59 Maiden Lane, 37<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, New York 10038

**Re: Parking Regulations Ninth Avenue & W. 40<sup>th</sup> Street**

Dear Commissioner Forgione:

Manhattan Community Board 4 respectfully requests that the parking regulations on the west side of 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue between West 40<sup>th</sup> and West 41<sup>st</sup> Streets be changed expeditiously to enable commercial vehicle loading and unloading from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., Monday-Sunday.

Parking regulations had permitted vehicle loading and unloading during those hours until several weeks ago, when the regulations and sign were changed. This change was done to prepare for the extension of the bicycle lane on the east side of the Avenue later this summer. Councilmember Quinn's office intervened and DOT agreed to enable three hour metered parking for commercial vehicles only. We are requesting that the DOT expedite this request.

The buildings along this block are owned by Clinton Housing Development Corporation and the four local businesses leasing space on the block are part of the 40<sup>th</sup> Street Local Development Corporation. Both CDHC and 40<sup>th</sup> Street LDC requested this change. The four businesses on that block – Sea Breeze Fish Market (which has been at that location of over 60 years), International Foods, Cupcake Café (both of whom have been in the neighborhood for over 20 years) and Capizzi Pizza and Wine Bar are all dependent on receiving early morning fresh food deliveries.

Manhattan Community Board 4 is particularly concerned because we had not been made aware of the proposed parking regulation change by DOT when we were discussing the installation of the protected bicycle lane on the east side of the street. During the last few years, MCB4 and DOT have worked well in discussing required changes for protected bicycle paths and DOT has greatly improved its communication to neighboring businesses. That makes this incident a concerning aberration and we look forward to a return of the more open and comprehensive dialogue we have more typically had with DOT.

With the new changes, the parking regulations will read "3 Hour Metered Parking, Commercial Vehicles only 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday-Saturday, others no standing" and "2 Hour Metered Parking 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Monday to Saturday." We request this change be made as expeditiously as possible.

Sincerely,



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