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**Re: Parking Regulation Changes on Eighth and Ninth Avenues, and W. 55<sup>th</sup> Street**

Dear Inspectors:

Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) appreciates the excellent work you and your officers are doing for our community. Changes are afoot on our streets and – one more time - we are asking for your help in easing the transition.

MCB4 has been working closely with the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT), the businesses and residents to ensure that sufficient loading and unloading space is available to the businesses located on Eighth and Ninth Avenues once the protected bike lanes are completed this summer. Particular areas of concerns are the areas of W. 53<sup>rd</sup> to W. 55<sup>th</sup> Streets and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue where the Westerly Supermarket is located, and to a lesser degree W. 40<sup>th</sup> to W. 35<sup>th</sup> Streets and Ninth Avenue, where many small food businesses receive a large a number of deliveries.

MCB4 is seeking your help in making your officers aware of the new loading regulations:

- On the North and South curbs of W. 55<sup>th</sup> Street, West of Eighth Avenue
- On the west side of Eighth Avenue from W. 53<sup>rd</sup> to W. 55<sup>th</sup> Streets
- On the East side of Ninth Avenue, from W. 40<sup>th</sup> to W. 35<sup>th</sup> Street.

The elimination of parking and loading spaces along the avenues to create turn lanes along the bicycle path makes it even more important that free space be available for businesses loading/unloading and to avoid double parking by trucks.

We thus hope you could request that officers park their vehicles in regular parking spaces and avoid parking in loading areas.

We also want to extend our gratitude for the increased enforcement against cars illegally claiming police parking privileges along W. 55<sup>th</sup> Street and for the order brought to the perpendicular parking on W. 35<sup>th</sup> Street, and encourage your continued efforts.

We appreciate your esteemed consideration.

Sincerely,



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