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Margaret Forgione
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
NYC Department of Transportation
59 Maiden Lane, 37th Floor
New York, New York 10038

Re: W. 55th Street Loading/Unloading

Dear Margaret:

Manhattan Community Board 4 (CB4) appreciates the outreach the Department of Transportation has done with the retail business along the future enclosed bicycle lanes on 8th and 9th Avenues and the corrective actions taken to mitigate impacts on those businesses. Based on input from residents, we would like to ask for additional parking regulation changes on West 55th between 8th and 9th Avenues.

The Westerly is a large supermarket located on 8th Avenue between West 54th and West 55th Street. To accommodate for the lost loading area on 8th Avenue to enable a turning loan from 8th Avenue to West 55th Street, Department of Transportation has already installed 70' of loading/unloading on the south side of West 55th Street off the corner of 8th Avenue. Residents report that change is not sufficient and trucks are often double parked and blocking street access. We thus would like to request two changes:

- The existing "No Standing Except Trucks Loading and Unloading, 2 hours 6am to 8pm" on the south side of the street should be changed to a 1 hour maximum with muni-meter;
- Add "No Standing Except Trucks Loading and Unloading, 1 hour maximum 6am to 8pm" with muni-meter

As always, we appreciate your consideration and assistance.

Sincerely,

Corey Johnson
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Co-Chair
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