

## **Public Hearing on Proposed Amendments to the Rules Regarding Truck Routes – Wednesday, August 22, 2007**

The Department of Transportation proposes to amend subdivisions (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) of Section 4-13 of Chapter 4 of Title 34 of the Official Compilation of the Rules of the City of New York, the Traffic Rules.

The Department of Transportation has undertaken a study of Truck Route Management and Community Impact Reduction. One goal of the study is to help improve the City's existing overall truck management framework. To assist in achieving this objective, the study recommends that the Department of Transportation amend specific provisions of Title 34, Section 4-13 of the Rules of the City of New York to ensure consistency and clarity among truck-related definitions, rules and regulations, and to ensure that changes made to the truck route network are accurately reflected. In addition, though height restrictions are eliminated from these rules in order to remove outdated and inconsistent information, trucks are still required to adhere to posted signs indicating any such restrictions on the City's streets and roadways.

Written comments regarding the proposed rule may be sent to David Woloch, Deputy Commissioner of External Affairs, Department of Transportation, 40 Worth Street, New York, NY 10013 by August 22, 2007. A public hearing shall be held on August 22, 2007 at 40 Worth Street, Room 1015, New York, NY at 10:00 a.m. Persons seeking to testify are requested to notify Deputy Commissioner David Woloch at the address stated above. Persons who need a sign language interpreter or other accommodation for a disability at the hearing are asked to notify Deputy Commissioner David Woloch at the foregoing address by August 15, 2007. Persons interested in receiving comments may request them by writing to: Department of Transportation, Record Access Office, 40 Worth Street, New York, N.Y. 10013.

The proposed amendments to section 4-13 were included in DOT's regulatory agenda.

Matter underlined is new; matter in [brackets] is deleted.

Section one. Paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of section 4-13 of Title 34 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended to read as follows:

### **(b) Truck routing rules for the Borough of Queens**

**(1) Through trucks.** An operator of any truck as defined above, having neither an origin nor a destination within the Borough of Queens shall restrict the operation of such vehicle to those street segments on the following list. These are designated as "Through Truck Routes." All trucks must adhere to all posted signs indicating locations that limit the height of vehicles permitted to operate thereon.

Section two. The Through Truck Route Network for the Borough of Queens, set forth in paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of section 4-13 of Title 34 of the Rules of the City of New York, as amended by adding an entry for Grand Central Parkway, to read as follows:

**Through Truck Route Network**

| <u>Street</u>                | <u>Limits</u>  |
|------------------------------|--|
| <u>Grand Central Parkway</u> | <u>Triborough Bridge to the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway (western leg)</u> |

Section three. Paragraph (2) of subdivision (b) of section 4-13 of Title 34 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended to read as follows:

**(2) Local Trucks.** An operator of any truck as defined in paragraph (a)(1) above, with an origin or destination for the purpose of delivery, loading or servicing within the Borough of Queens, shall only operate such vehicle over the following listed streets, except that an operator may operate on a street not designated below for the purpose of arriving at his/her destination. This shall be accomplished by leaving a designated truck route at the intersection that is nearest and provides the most direct route to his/her destination, proceeding by the most direct route while observing existing street directions and turn restrictions, and then returning to the nearest designated truck route by the most direct route. If the operator has additional destinations in the [same general area] immediate vicinity, he/she may proceed by the most direct route to his/her next destination without returning to a designated truck route, provided that the operator's next destination does not require that he/she cross a designated truck route. All trucks must adhere to all posted signs indicating locations that limit the height of vehicles permitted to operate thereon.

Section four. The Local Truck Route Network for the Borough of Queens, set forth in paragraph (2) of subdivision (b) of section 4-13 of Title 34 of the Rules of the City of New York, is amended by: amending the entry for Flushing Avenue; deleting the first entry for Fresh Pond Road in its entirety; amending the second entry for Fresh Pond Road; deleting the entry for New York Boulevard and replacing it with Guy Brewer Boulevard. The amendments read as follows:

**Local Truck Route Network**

| <u>Street</u>                           | <u>Limits</u>   |
|---|---|
| [Flushing Avenue] <u>Cypress Avenue</u> | [Cypress Avenue to Cooper Avenue] <u>Flushing Avenue to Cooper Avenue</u> |
| [Fresh Pond Road] Fresh Pond Road       | [Metropolitan Avenue to Myrtle Avenue] Flushing Avenue to [Metropolitan]  |

[New York Boulevard] Guy R. Brewer  
Boulevard

Myrtle Avenue  
Liberty Ave[.]nue to North and South  
Conduit Ave[.]nue

Section five. Paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) of section 4-13 of Title 34 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended to read as follows:

**(c) Truck routing rules for the Borough of Staten Island.**

**(1) Through trucks.** An operator of any truck as defined in paragraph (a)(1) above, having neither an origin nor a destination within the Borough of Staten Island, shall restrict the operation of such vehicle to those street segments on the following list. These are designated as "Through Truck Routes." All trucks must adhere to all posted signs indicating locations that limit the height of vehicles permitted to operate thereon.

Section six. Subparagraph (i) of paragraph (2) of subdivision (c) of section 4-13 of Title 34 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended to read as follows:

**(c) Truck routing rules for the Borough of Staten Island.**

**(2) Local trucks.**

**(i) 2 axles, 6 tires.** An operator of any truck as defined in paragraph (a)(1) above, with 2 axles, 6 tires and having an origin or destination for the purpose of delivery, loading or servicing within the Borough of Staten Island, shall only operate such vehicle over the following listed "Local-Truck Routes" and "Limited Local-Truck Routes," except that an operator may drive on a street not designated below for the purpose of arriving at his/her destination. This shall be accomplished by leaving a designated truck route at the intersection that is nearest and provides the most direct route to his/her destination, proceeding by the most direct route while observing existing street directions and turn restrictions, and then returning to the nearest designated truck route by the most direct route. If the operator has additional destinations in the [same general area] immediate vicinity, he/she may proceed by the most direct route to his/her next destination without returning to a designated truck route, provided that the operator's next destination does not require that he/she cross a designated truck route. All trucks must adhere to all posted signs indicating locations that limit the height of vehicles permitted to operate thereon.

Section seven. The Local Truck Route Network for the Borough of Staten Island, set forth in subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (2) of subdivision (c) of section 4-13 of Title 34 of the Rules of the City of New York, is amended by: amending the heading; deleting the entry for Bengal Avenue; adding an entry for Edward Curry Avenue and for Glen Street; amending the entry for Mill Road, and deleting the entry for Vernon Avenue. The amendments read as follows:

**[Through] Local Truck Route Network**

| <u>Street</u>   | <u>Limits</u>  |
|---|--|
| [Bengal Avenue]<br><u>Edward Curry Avenue</u><br><u>Glen Street</u><br>Mill Road ( <u>Old Mill Road</u> ) | [Vernon Avenue to Fahy Avenue]<br><u>Chelsea Road to South Avenue</u><br><u>Edward Curry Avenue to Fahy Avenue</u><br>Tysens Lane to New Dorp Lane |
| [Vernon Avenue]   | [Chelsea Road to South Avenue]   |

Section eight. Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of section 4-13 of Title 34 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended to read as follows:

**(d) Truck routing rules for the Borough of Manhattan.**

**(1) Through trucks.** An operator of any truck as defined in paragraph (a)(1) above, having neither an origin nor a destination within the Borough of Manhattan, shall restrict the operation of such vehicle to those street segments designated on the following list as "Through Truck Routes." All trucks must adhere to all posted signs indicating locations that limit the height of vehicles permitted to operate thereon.

Section nine. Paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of section 4-13 of Title 34 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended to read as follows:

**(d) Truck routing rules for the Borough of Manhattan.**

**(2) Local trucks.** An operator of any truck as defined in paragraph (a)(1) above, having an origin or destination for the purpose of delivery, loading or servicing within the Borough of Manhattan, shall restrict the operation of such vehicle to those street segments designated on the following list as "Local Truck Routes," except that an operator may operate on a street not designated below for the purpose of leaving his/her origin or arriving at his/her destination (subject to restrictions specified in §4-13(d)(3) through §4-13(d)(5) of these rules). This shall be accomplished by leaving a designated truck route at the intersection that is nearest and provides the most direct route to his/her destination, proceeding by the most direct route while observing existing street directions and turn restrictions, and then returning to the nearest designated truck route by the most direct route. If the operator has additional destinations in the [same general area] immediate vicinity, he/she may proceed by the most direct route to his/her next destination without returning to a designated truck route, provided that the operator's next destination does not require that he/she cross a designated truck route. All trucks must adhere to all posted signs indicating locations that limit the height of vehicles permitted to operate thereon.

Section ten. The Local Truck Route Network for the Borough of Manhattan, set forth in paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of section 4-13 of Title 34 of the Rules of the City of New York, is amended by: amending the entries for Avenue of the Americas and Cathedral Parkway; deleting the reference to height restrictions in the entry for Central Park Traverse Roads 1, 2, 3 & 4, and adding an entry for 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Avenue of the Americas). The amendments read as follows:

**Local Truck Routes**

| <u>Street</u>                                | <u>Limits</u>                     |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| Avenue of the Americas ( <u>6th Avenue</u> ) | Church Street to 31st Street      |
| Cathedral Parkway ( <u>110th Street</u> )    | 8th Avenue to Broadway            |
| Central Park Traverse Roads 1, 2, 3 & 4      | Fifth Avenue to Central Park West |
| [*]  |                                   |
| <u>6th Avenue (Avenue of the Americas)</u>   | Church Street to 31st Street      |

[\*(Subject to height restrictions.)]

Section eleven. Subparagraph (i) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (d) of section 4-13 of Title 34 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended to read as follows:

**(3) Limited truck zones.**

**(i) Restrictions.** Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (a), (d)(1) and (d)(2) of this section, no operator of a truck as defined in paragraph (a)(1) of this section shall operate, enter, stop, stand or park his/her vehicle upon any of the streets designated on the following list as "Limited Truck Zones" except for the purpose of making a delivery, loading or servicing within said zone. This shall be accomplished by leaving a designated truck route at the intersection that is nearest and provides the most direct route to his/her destination, proceeding by the most direct route while observing existing street directions and turn restrictions, and then returning to the nearest designated truck route by the most direct route. If the operator has additional destinations in the [same general area] immediate vicinity, he/she may proceed by the most direct route to his/her next destination without returning to a designated truck route, provided that the operator's next destination does not require that he/she cross a designated truck route.

Section twelve. Paragraph (1) of subdivision (e) of section 4-13 of Title 34 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended to read as follows:

**(e) Truck routing rules for the Borough of Brooklyn**

**(1) Through trucks.** An operator of any truck as defined in paragraph (a)(1) above, having neither an origin nor a destination within the Borough

of Brooklyn, shall restrict the operation of such vehicle to those street segments on the following list. These are designated as “Through Truck Routes.” All trucks must adhere to all posted signs indicating locations that limit the height of vehicles permitted to operate thereon.

Section thirteen. The Through Truck Route Network for the Borough of Brooklyn, set forth in paragraph (1) of subdivision (e) of section 4-13 of Title 34 of the Rules of the City of New York, is amended by deleting the asterisk accompanying the entry for Gowanus Expressway and removing the reference to height restrictions set forth under the entry for 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, as follows:

**Through Truck Route Network**

| <u>Street</u>      | <u>Limits</u>   |
|--------------------|---|
| Gowanus Expressway | Brooklyn Battery Tunnel[*] to Verrazano Narrows Bridge. |

[\*Height Restriction: Brooklyn Battery Tunnel – 12’9”]

Section fourteen. Paragraph (2) of subdivision (e) of section 4-13 of Title 34 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended to read as follows:

**(e) Truck routing rules for the Borough of Brooklyn.**

**(2) Local trucks.** An operator of any truck as defined in paragraph (a)(1) above, with an origin or destination for the purpose of delivery, loading or servicing within the Borough of Brooklyn, may only operate such vehicle over the following listed streets, except that an operator may operate on a street not designated below for the purpose of arriving at his/her destination. This shall be accomplished by leaving a designated truck route at the intersection that is nearest and provides the most direct route to his/her destination, proceeding by the most direct route while observing existing street directions and turn restrictions, and then returning to the nearest designated truck route by the most direct route. If the operator has additional destinations in the [same general area] immediate vicinity, he/she may proceed by the most direct route to his/her next destination without returning to a designated truck route, provided that the operator's next destination does not require that he/she cross a designated truck route. All trucks must adhere to all posted signs indicating locations that limit the height of vehicles permitted to operate thereon.

Section fifteen. The Local Truck Route Network for the Borough of Brooklyn, set forth in paragraph (2) of subdivision (e) of section 4-13 of Title 34 of the Rules of the City of New York, is amended as follows: deleting the asterisks accompanying the entries for Avenue U, Bay Parkway, Driggs Avenue, Gowanus

Expressway, Grand Street, Kings Highway, Pennsylvania Avenue, and Remsen Avenue to remove all references to height restrictions; amending the entry for the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway, and amending the entry for Van Dam Street. The amendments read as follows:

**Local Truck Route Network**

| <u>Street</u>                              | <u>Limits</u>   |
|--|---|
| Avenue U[*]<br>Bay Parkway[*]              | 86th Street to East 55th Street<br>Kings Highway to Belt Parkway East-bound Service Road                            |
| Brooklyn-Queens [Expwy.] <u>Expressway</u> | Gowanus Expressway to Queens County Line  |
| Driggs Avenue[*]<br>Gowanus Expressway     | South 4th Street to Broadway<br>Brooklyn Battery Tunnel[*] to Verrazano Narrows Bridge                              |
| Grand Street[*]                            | Grand Street Extension to Queens County Line  |
| Kings Highway[*]<br>Pennsylvania Avenue[*] | Foster Avenue to Bay Parkway<br>Jamaica Avenue to Vandalia Avenue; and Seaview Avenue to Spring Creek Landfill Site |
| Remsen Avenue [*]<br>Van [d]Dam Street     | Empire Boulevard to Flatlands Avenue<br>Meeker Avenue to Bridgewater Street   |

**[\* Height Restrictions:**

- Avenue U - 12' -5" at BMT Brighton Line
- Bay Parkway - 11' -6" at 86th Street
- Driggs Avenue - 12' -2" at Williamsburg Bridge
- Grand Street Bridge - 13' -5"
- Kings Highway - 12' -2" at BMT Brighton Line
- Pennsylvania Avenue - 13' - 3" at Livonia Avenue
- Remsen Avenue - 12' -0" at Long Island Railroad]

Section sixteen. Paragraph (1) of subdivision (f) of Title 34 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended to read as follows:

**(f) Truck routing rules for the Borough of the Bronx.**

**(1) Through trucks.** An operator of any truck as defined in paragraph (a)(1) above, having neither an origin nor a destination within the Borough of the Bronx, will restrict the operation of such vehicle to those street segments on the following list. These are designated as "Through Truck Routes." All trucks must adhere to all posted signs indicating locations that limit the height of vehicles permitted to operate thereon.

Section seventeen. Paragraph (2) of subdivision (f) of Title 34 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended to read as follows:

**(f) Truck routing rules for the Borough of the Bronx.**

**(2) Local trucks.** An operator of any truck as defined in paragraph (a)(1) above, with an origin or destination for the purpose of delivery, loading or servicing within the Borough of the Bronx, will only operate such vehicle over the following listed streets, except that an operator may operate on a street not designated below for the purpose of arriving at his/her destination. This shall be accomplished by leaving a designated truck route at the intersection that is nearest and provides the most direct route to his/her destination, proceeding by the most direct route while observing existing street directions and turn restrictions, and then returning to the nearest designated truck route by the most direct route. If the operator has additional destinations in the [same general area] immediate vicinity, he/she may proceed by the most direct route to his/her next destination without returning to a designated truck route, provided that the operator's next destination does not require that he/she cross a designated truck route. All trucks must adhere to all posted signs indicating locations that limit the height of vehicles permitted to operate thereon.

Section eighteen. The Local Truck Route Network for the Borough of the Bronx, set forth in paragraph (2) of subdivision (f) of section 4-13 of Title 34 of the Rules of the City of New York, is amended by deleting all asterisks accompanying the entries for Boston Road, Broadway, Bruckner Boulevard (Northbound), Bruckner Boulevard (Southbound), Castle Hill Avenue, Jerome Avenue, Southern Boulevard, Westchester Avenue, West Fordham Road, and White Plains Road to remove all references to height restrictions and removing all designated height restrictions. The amendments read as follows:

**Local Truck Route Network**

| <u>Street</u>                       | <u>Limits</u>   |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Boston Road[*]                      | City Line to Bronx Park East, East Tremont Avenue to Third Avenue   |
| Broadway[*]                         | City Line to New York County Line   |
| Bruckner Boulevard (Northbound) [*] | Third Avenue Bridge to Kearney Avenue, Kearney Avenue to MacDonough Place, MacDonough Place to Shore Road |
| Bruckner Boulevard (Southbound) [*] | Shore Road to Third Avenue Bridge   |
| Castle Hill Avenue[*]               | East Tremont Avenue to Lacombe Avenue   |
| Jerome Avenue[*]                    | City Line to Major Deegan Expressway Approaches at the Macombs Dam Bridge                                 |

Southern Boulevard[\*]

East Fordham Road to East 163rd Street, Leggett Avenue to East 149th Street

Westchester Avenue[\*]

Third Avenue to Bruckner Boulevard

West Fordham Road[\*]

University Heights Bridge to Jerome Avenue

White Plains Road[\*]

City Line to Bruckner Boulevard

[\*Height Restrictions:

Boston Road

11' -0" at Southern Boulevard

11' -6" at Vyse Avenue

Broadway

12' -2" at West 230th Street

12' -0" at West 231st Street

11' -0" at West 237th Street

12' -6" at West 238th Street

11' -6" at West 239th Street

Bruckner Boulevard (Northbound)

13' -3" at Willis Avenue

Bruckner Boulevard

13' -0" at Willis Avenue

(Southbound)

Castle Hill Avenue

12' -3" at Westchester Avenue

Jerome Avenue

12' -7" at East 176th Street

12' -5" at East 181st Street

12' -5 1/2" at Fordham Road

12' -6" at East 213th Street

Southern Boulevard

11' -0" at Boston Road

Westchester Avenue

12' -0" at Brook Avenue

11' -3" at Tiffany Street

12' -1" at Wheeler Avenue

12' -3" at Castle Hill Avenue

12' -0" at Overing Street

West Fordham Road

12' -5 1/2" at Jerome Avenue

White Plains Road

12' -6" at East 239th Street]

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