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December 18, 2009

Mr. Christopher Ward
Executive Director
Port Authority of New York and New Jersey
225 Park Avenue South
New York, NY 10003

Dear Mr. Ward:

At its Full Board meeting December, 17, 2009, Community Board #2, Manhattan, adopted the following resolution:

Resolution requesting that the Port Authority of New York/New Jersey continue ban on small trucks in eastbound Holland Tunnel until completion of DDC project to "Install trunk water main in Hudson Street from Laight to Worth Street and connect distribution system to City Tunnel #3."

Whereas the Port Authority of New York/New Jersey (PANYNJ) has informed Community Board 2 Manhattan (CB2) that it plans to lift the ban on small trucks in the eastbound Holland Tunnel beginning January 3, 2010; and

Whereas this action will result in an estimated 2,100 small trucks entering Lower Manhattan from the Holland Tunnel, adding traffic to our already congested local streets around and leading away from the Tunnel; and

Whereas CB2 has been advised that in Spring 2010 a construction project lasting three to five years will be launched to establish pipe connections to the water tunnel shaft located in the Holland Tunnel exit plaza on Hudson and Laight Sts.; and

Whereas this project will have a significant impact on traffic in the area of the Holland Tunnel traffic plazas including CB2's already overburdened streets, and the traffic mitigation plan may include detouring tunnel bound traffic from Hudson St.; and

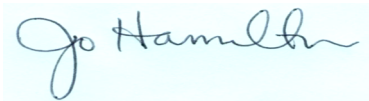
Whereas in view of the major traffic impacts expected from this upcoming water tunnel project in combination with severe existing traffic congestion on local streets such as Spring and Watts, this is not a suitable time to add a further traffic burden;

Therefore Be It Resolved that CB2 requests that the PANYNJ delay lifting the ban on small trucks until the water tunnel connection project is completed, or at least until the actual impact of the project on local traffic is assessed six months after the traffic mitigation plan is implemented.

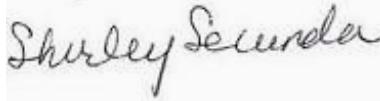
Please advise us of any decision or action taken in response of this resolution.

Vote: Unanimous, with 35 Board members in favor.

Sincerely,



Jo Hamilton, Chair
Community Board #2, Manhattan



Shirley Secunda, Chair
Traffic & Transportation Committee
Community Board #2, Manhattan

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