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**Re: NJT bus congestion improvements on 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

Dear Mr. Martin and Mr. Foye:

Manhattan Community Board 4 (CB4) would like to request that the Port Authority (PA) and New Jersey Transit (NJT) expand their recent initiative of improved circulation of NJT buses into the Port Authority Bus Terminal (PABT), beyond 5:30 P.M. to 7 P.M. and include all peak traffic hours.

CB4 applauds the recent efforts made by both NJT and the PA to improve the bus congestion on 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue between West 41<sup>st</sup> Street and West 33<sup>rd</sup> Street in Manhattan, caused by the queuing NJT buses waiting to enter the PABT. For many years residents of Manhattan Community District 4 (MCD4) complained about the overwhelming bus congestion that occurs during peak hours in the West 30's on account of Lincoln Tunnel and PABT traffic; NJT buses cause a large portion of this congestion.

In September PA and NJT jointly devised a plan to reduce the number of buses queuing in our community, and the results were impressive and immediate. As we understand it, the plan eliminated the southbound diversion of buses exiting the Lincoln Tunnel, which directs traffic southbound on Dyer Avenue towards West 36<sup>th</sup> Street, and instead allowed buses to continue to travel north on Dyer directly into the PABT. Additionally NJT held buses back longer at their layover parking in NJ. This was to take place leading up to peak hours until 5:30 PM. While this new approach has only been in place for several weeks the impact is remarkable.

CB4 is grateful for the efforts that have been made to improve the safety of our streets and the quality of life of the residents in MCB4. On account of the effectiveness of this new initiative

CB4 strongly urges NJT and PA to implement this initiative as permanent practice and expand the hours to 7 P.M. and include all peak traffic hours.

Sincerely,



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