

September 9, 2002

Mildred Duran
Director
Street Activity Permit Office
51 Chambers Street
New York, NY 10007

Re: Street Activity Permit Application for 8th Avenue (b. 23rd/34th)

Applicant: Penn South Independence
Location: 8th Avenue (b. 23rd/34th)
Date: Saturday, September 8, 2002
Time: 11:00 am – 6:00 pm

At its August 21, 2002 meeting, the Transportation Planning Committee of Manhattan Community Board No. 4 voted again to deny the Street Activity Permit for the above referenced organization. This matter was brought to the Committee's attention at its May 15, 2002 meeting and they voted to oppose the granting of the application at a different location, from 9th Avenue (b. 23rd/34th). The previous denial was based on the bus service disruption that would negatively affect traffic flow around the Lincoln Tunnel and Main Post Office. In addition, the traffic build-up above 34th Street would also have an impact on vehicles trying to reach the tunnel entrance.

Eighth Avenue between 23rd and 34th Streets is also too heavily trafficked to permit a street fair. The Committee previously indicated to the group that in view of its lack of any track record in providing community assistance, the Committee would consider a plan for a one block side-street event. The Committee maintains its position to deny the application, even though the location has moved to 8th Avenue.

At its meeting on September 4, 2002 the Committee's negative recommendation was endorsed by the entire full Board.

Sincerely,



Simone Sindin
Chair
Manhattan Community Board No. 4

Joshua David
Co-Chair
Transportation Planning Committee

Walter Mankoff
Co-Chair
Transportation Planning Committee

cc: Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor
Hon. C. Virginia Fields, Manhattan Borough President
Local Elected Officials
Mardi Gras Festival