

August 12, 2004

Margaret Forgione, Manhattan Borough Commissioner  
NYC Department of Transportation  
40 Worth Street  
New York, NY 10007

**Re: Change to Parking Regulations on West 46<sup>th</sup> Street (10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> Avenues)**

Dear Commissioner Forgione,

On July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2004, the Transportation Planning Committee of Manhattan Community Board No. 4 heard a request from The Village, an assisted living facility for senior citizens, for a change to the parking regulations on West 46<sup>th</sup> Street, between 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Avenues.

The current posted signage on half of this block, which includes the Village's entrance at 510 West 46<sup>th</sup> Street, designates it as a bus layover zone. Because of this designation, tour and charter buses park in front of the Village's entrance, blocking the curb cut that was installed to provide unobstructed wheelchair access for pick-ups and drop-offs at the curb.

The 80 residents of this facility badly need an unobstructed path from their front door to the street. The average resident age is 84 years old, and many of them use walkers, canes or wheelchairs to reach the taxis and ambulettes they depend on for mobility. The bus layovers prevent them from reaching vehicles that stop in front of the door, forcing many of them to go to the corner to reach the transportation that takes them to vital appointments. After hearing their request, which was supported by letters from more than 20 residents of The Village, the committee voted unanimously to request that NYC DOT:

- investigate possible alternate locations for the bus layover zone as a whole and
- create a 30-foot long, designated ambulance/ambulette drop-off area directly in front of the Village entrance at 510 West 46<sup>th</sup> Street.

At its full Board meeting on August 11, 2004, Manhattan Community Board No. 4 voted in favor of the committee's recommendation, with 31 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 present but not eligible to vote.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Walter Mankoff

Chair

Manhattan Community Board No. 4



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