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

Re: Use of West 37th Street for access to Ramp C to Lincoln Tunnel

Dear Borough Commissioner Forgione,

At its December 15, 2004 meeting, the Transportation Planning Committee of Manhattan Community Board No. 4 discussed the issues of traffic congestion and pedestrian safety at the intersection of West 37th Street and Ninth Avenue.

It has become almost common practice for vehicles traveling west on 37th Street to make a left turn into the two westernmost lanes of Ninth Avenue for access to the Lincoln Tunnel. Because so many vehicles queue up to make this turn, the intersection is often blocked when vehicles moving south on Ninth Avenue have the right of way. This condition also makes crossing the street very difficult for pedestrians, who must often navigate between turning vehicles, which are still trying (often aggressively) to get into Ninth Avenue's right lanes.

As requested in the attached letter dated September 4, 2003, we still believe that prohibiting this practice between the hours of 3pm and 7pm, when Ninth Avenue's traffic is at its heaviest, would greatly reduce gridlock and the danger to pedestrians.

As such, we request that DOT install signage on West 37th Street, between Eighth and Ninth Avenues, prohibiting the turning onto of Ramp C between the hours of 3pm-7pm.

On January 5, 2005, the full board of Manhattan Community Board No. 4 voted to support the committee's recommendation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Walter Mankoff
Chair
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Jay Marcus
Chair
Transportation Planning Committee

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