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Honorable Margaret Forgione
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
New York City Department of Transportation
40 Worth Street
New York, NY 10013

Re: Parking Regulations on West 15th and 16th Streets between 8th and 9th Avenues

Dear Commissioner Forgione,

We thank you for your November 9, 2004 response to our request, dated July 9, 2004, for changes in current parking regulations on the 300 blocks of West 15th and 16th Streets. Your letter requested further details regarding our requests for both sides of West 16th Street and the north side of West 15th Street. We have since attained more detailed information from St. Vincent's Comprehensive Cancer Center facility regarding their requests for the north side of West 15th Street and the south side of West 16th Street. At its meeting of January 19, 2005, the Transportation Committee of Manhattan Community Board No. 4 refined its previous request.

- On the north side of 15th Street many of the Port Authority Building's truck bays have been sealed off for other interior uses. Please investigate creating on-street parking here, with provisions for street cleaning, except in front of the garage entrance on the west end of the block, the loading dock on the east end of the block, and the entrance of the St. Vincent's outpatient cancer care facility at 325 West 15th Street. In front of that entrance, the Board requests that you investigate creating a posted drop-off zone for patients and ambulances. This area is approximately 140' long, includes curb cuts for St. Vincent's drive-through, and regularly accommodates 3-4 ambulances or ambulettes.
- Both sides of 16th Street have "No Parking" regulations, created to allow truck drop-offs in the northern bays of the Port Authority Building. However, as only three of these bays remain active, the regulations are largely ignored on the south side of the block. As the block contains a mixture of both commercial and residential uses, the board requests that DOT investigate establishing daytime commercial parking regulations, with provisions for street cleaning wherever it will not hamper the ability of trucks to access the three remaining active bays.

In addition to our original request and DOT's response, we have also enclosed a request letter and technical drawing from St. Vincent's, in order to better illustrate the request.

On February 2, 2005, the full board of Manhattan Community Board No. 4 voted to support the committee's recommendations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Walter Mankoff
Chair
Manhattan Community Board No. 4

Jay Marcus
Chair
Transportation Planning Committee

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Cc: St. Vincent's Comprehensive Cancer Center