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Borough Commissioner Margaret Forgione  
Department of Transportation  
59 maiden Lane, 35<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10038

O'Neil Ellis, Director of Security  
Hudson Hotel  
356 West 58<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10019

**Re: Traffic Issues on West 58<sup>th</sup> Street between Eighth and Ninth Avenues**

Dear Commissioner Forgione and Mr. Ellis,

Traffic on West 58<sup>th</sup> Street between Eighth and Ninth Avenues has become particularly problematic for several reasons. The street is home to the Hudson Hotel and two large residential buildings on the south side of the street (the Colonnade at 350 West 58<sup>th</sup> Street and the Westmore at 334-346 West 58<sup>th</sup> Street) and, on the north side of the street, the Coliseum Park Apartments at 345 West 58<sup>th</sup> Street (and its semi-circular driveway) and the entrance to the drive-through loading dock for the Time Warner Center. Existing parking regulations and the lack of enforcement often further complicate traffic patterns. The street is frequently double and triple parked – mostly by delivery trucks, shuttle buses, limousines, and taxis. The resulting effect is that often, only one out of 3 travel lanes remains open to moving traffic.

On June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008, various stakeholders, including the Transportation Committee of Manhattan Community Board 4 and the West 58<sup>th</sup> Street Block Association, met with representatives of the DOT, the Time Warner Center, the Hudson Hotel, the Taxi and Limousine Commission, and the NYPD to develop a mitigation plan to address these issues. The following action items were agreed upon and are being recommended:

- Eliminate 3-hour commercial parking on the North side of 58<sup>th</sup> Street west of the Time Warner Center delivery entrance, and replace with No Standing Except Trucks Loading and Unloading, Monday to Friday. This would assist in preventing trucks queuing for the Time Warner Center from double parking;
- Eliminate 3-hour commercial parking on the South side of 58<sup>th</sup> Street, currently from 7am to 7pm, from the corner of 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the loading zone in front of the Hudson Hotel, and replace with Loading and Unloading only (every day). Keep the taxi stand at this location from 7pm to 7am (every day);

- Eliminate metered parking on the eastside of Ninth Avenue between 58<sup>th</sup> and 59<sup>th</sup> Streets, and replace by 3-hour commercial parking, Monday to Friday;
- Enhance enforcement of all parking regulations along the block;
- Create a shuttle bus stop on the southwest corner of 57<sup>th</sup> Street and Eighth Avenue and enhance enforcement to discourage such buses from stopping on 58<sup>th</sup> Street at Eighth Avenue;
- The Hudson Hotel must improve its truck delivery scheduling and process with a particular focus on reducing deliveries during high taxi-volume hours. This can be achieved with the help of existing software tools. We leave it to the Hudson Hotel to develop a specific mitigation plan.

We believe these modifications will reduce the need for all vehicles concerned to double and triple park on this block and will thus improve traffic flow and the quality of life of the entire neighborhood.

Sincerely,



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