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Ms. Margaret Forgione  
Manhattan Commissioner  
Department of Transportation  
59 Maiden Lane, 37<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, New York 10038

**Re: Potential Long Distance Bus Stops**

Dear Commissioner Forgione:

Manhattan Community Board 4 (CB4) proposes to designate the eastern portion of the north side of 31<sup>st</sup> Street between 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Avenues as long distance bus stops. This nine bus- long curbside would permit to relocate the bus stops currently on the north side of 34<sup>th</sup> Street between 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

We recently contacted you to describe the numerous problems caused by Lon distances buses in the Peen Station area. Similar concerns were amplified during the Town Hall Meeting convened by Speaker Christine Quinn and our elected.

After researching alternate locations that would be suitable for these buses, we have identified that the north side of 31<sup>st</sup> Street has a very large sidewalk with no adjacent commercial or residential activity. Parking regulations indicate, "No standing, except postal service", but it may be obsolete as there are very few vehicles parked in this spot. There is no longer any MTA service on that street although the bus stop is still there.

We appreciate your studying these nine locations and removing the long distance bus stops on the north side of 34<sup>th</sup> Street between 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Avenues that obstruct the Bus Rapid Transit lane and a busy sidewalk.

Sincerely,



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Manhattan Community Board No. 4



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