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Margaret Forgione  
Manhattan Borough Commissioner  
NYC Department of Transportation  
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**Re: Illegal Truck Route - West 19<sup>th</sup> Street and Eighth Avenue**

Dear Captain Miller and Commissioner Trottenberg:

Manhattan Community Board 4 (CB4) requests that both DOT and the NYPD increase their efforts to reduce illegal truck usage of West 15<sup>th</sup> Street through West 22<sup>nd</sup> Street west of Seventh Avenue. This is in response from complaints of west Chelsea residents over the past few months. CB4 also requests the placement of an additional sign on the corner of West 19<sup>th</sup> Street and Eighth Avenue facing south, to deter trucks traveling north on Eighth Avenue, from using West 19<sup>th</sup> Street to travel west.

In 2007 and 2008, both DOT and the NYPD worked with the Community Board to address complaints from several block associations and the Chelsea Council of Block Associations. The complaints involved high volume of truck traffic that led to street noise on these low-rise building streets and higher levels of street deterioration, including busted water pipes on West 15<sup>th</sup> Street and frequent street repaving. Based on Block Association and Community Board requests, several "Local Truck Only" and "No Thru Truck" signs were installed and police ticketing increased. Both the block association and residents reported reduced truck usage during that time.

In the last couple of years, particularly with the increase of construction activity, residents are reporting a substantial increase in street non-local truck usage and construction trucks using local streets to get to avenues, rather than truck routes (West 14<sup>th</sup> and West 34<sup>th</sup> Streets).

We thus request that, similar to 2007 and 2008, DOT and the Police Department work together to enhance enforcement. We also believe that the placement of the additional sign on Eighth Avenue will improve the situation on West 19<sup>th</sup> Street.

We request that both agencies keep us informed of their efforts over the next months.

Sincerely,



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