

1 **New Business**

Item #: 18

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3 April 4, 2012

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5 Margaret Forgione
6 Manhattan Borough Commissioner
7 New York City Department of Transportation
8 55 Water Street, 9th Floor
9 New York, New York 10041

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11 **Re: 34th Street Transitway**

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13 Dear Commissioner Forgione:

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15 Manhattan Community Board 4 (CB4) attended the Community Advisory committee of
16 the 34th Street Transitway; to review proposed parking regulations for the various curbs
17 in our district. The community favors a “no parking anytime” regulation, which will
18 allow both residential and commercial pick up and deliveries at curbside. CB4 is pleased
19 that a solution to the shortage of loading space, west of Dyer Avenue is in sight, but
20 remains very concerned about the Lincoln Tunnel traffic and the Bolt Bus Sidewalk
21 terminal location.

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23 In order to create an adequate number of loading spaces for the north side of W. 34th
24 Street between Dyer Avenue and Tenth Avenue CB4 supports the consolidation of two
25 proposed bus stops (west of Dyer Avenue and east of Ninth Avenue) into a single one
26 just west of Ninth Avenue (we had previously asked for the bus stop to be relocated just
27 to the east of Dyer based on the assumption that the turn lane would be removed). The
28 current proposal is for four-five permanent loading spaces, plus an equivalent amount
29 during off-peak hours, which is insufficient for the amount of residences and businesses
30 located on this curb.

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32 In addition to creating ten additional permanent loading spaces for the large
33 buildings and businesses on the north of W. 34th street, such configuration will
34 reestablish the regular spacing of bus stops and will reduce the crossing length of
35 34th Street at this busy intersection.

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37 The GHI/Emblem Health building has loading docks on W. 35th Street, and the
38 management has confirmed they are removing the unused curb cuts at the
39 northwest corner of 9th avenue and 34th Street. Loading space and a turning lane
40 will be maintained west of the proposed Bus Stop.

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42 CB4 and the community will pursue the issue of a temporary closing of the westbound
43 turn into northbound Dyer Avenue with the Port Authority and the Hell's kitchen study
44 team. This will provide additional loading space east of Dyer Avenue. Further our
45 experience shows the queuing to be so heavy that the traffic agent prevents the turn most
46 of the time.

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48 CB4 request the relocation of the long distance Bolt Bus Sidewalk Terminal currently
49 adjacent to the Bus stop at the northwest corner of W. 34th Street at Eighth Avenue
50 because it is not consistent with the proposed bus lane. With the addition of a bulb out
51 adjacent to the bus lanes, the two long distance loading spots that are constantly occupied
52 by departing buses would have to be located either in the bus lane, or in front of the
53 Manhattan Center Music Hall. This configuration is not viable from transportation or a
54 loading standpoint.

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56 We appreciate the extensive community outreach the DOT and the MTA are undertaking.

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58 Sincerely..