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Margaret Forgione  
Manhattan Borough Commissioner  
New York City Department of Transportation  
55 Water Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, New York 10041

**Re: No Truck Signage**

Dear Commissioner Forgione:

Manhattan Community Board 4 (CB4) requests that the Department of Transportation (DOT) install signs adjacent to the traffic signals on Ninth Avenue from W. 29<sup>th</sup> to W. 17<sup>th</sup> Streets to prevent trucks from turning left (east) onto residential streets. Trucks are not permitted on these streets, except for local deliveries.

While some curbside signs have been installed since the 2005 Truck Study, they are few and have not been altered since the installation of the Ninth Avenue bicycle lane. For example, on Ninth Avenue between W. 20<sup>th</sup> and W. 21<sup>st</sup> Street a curbside "No Turn For Trucks" sign is placed after the turning bay entry and is not visible before. Once a truck is engaged in a turning bay, the driver – upon seeing the sign- does not have the option to change direction and proceed straight.

To be effective and clearly visible to truck drivers on Ninth Avenue the signs should be placed over the street, next to the traffic signal on the odd number blocks (the blocks to the North of the turning lane. Thus we request that signs indicating "No Left Turn for Trucks" or "No Left Turn for Trucks until 14<sup>th</sup> Street" be suspended on each of the following traffic lights on Ninth Avenue at W. 29<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup> Streets.

Sincerely,

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