

1 **Transportation Planning Committee**

Item #: 40

2
3 July 26, 2012

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

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11 **Re: Bus Stop Location at 34th Street between 9th and 10th Avenues**

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13 Dear Commissioner Forgione:

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15 Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) appreciates the New York City Department
16 of Transportation sustained commitment to resolving loading and unloading issues
17 on the north side of 34th Street between Dyer and 10th Avenues. We remain
18 encouraged in the knowledge that the bus stop sidewalk extension will not be built
19 in the early phases of the West 34th Street SBS on the west side of Dyer, in order to
20 maintain the flexibility to relocate the stop later between 9th Avenue and Dyer
21 Avenue.

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23 After extensive community consultation, it is clear that, considering the new
24 constraints the Select Bus Service has introduced, the preferred location for the bus
25 stop on the North Side of West 34th Street is just west of 9th Avenue, in front of the
26 GHI building. MCB4 recommends that this stop replace the stop that is currently just
27 east of 9th Avenue. This would yield necessary loading space on West 34th Street
28 west of Dyer Avenue while keeping the bus stop within a comfortable distance of
29 400 feet for all residents of the block. It would also allow the consolidation of two
30 bus stops (and thus likely reduce bus travel times) and return this area to the usual
31 spacing of stops.

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33 We understand that such a move is contingent on the closure of the northbound
34 Dyer Avenue during peak hours and the removal of curb cuts in front of GHI. We will
35 endeavor to work with you and other appropriate agencies to achieve such a result.

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37 Sincerely,

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41 MCB4 elected officials