

1 **Transportation Planning Committee**

Item #: 42

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3 July 26, 2012

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8 New York Police Department
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12 Mr. Dennis E. Dequatro
13 Inspector
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19 **Re: Parking Regulation Changes on Eighth and Ninth Avenues, and W. 55th Street**

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21 Dear Inspectors:

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23 Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) appreciates the excellent work you and your
24 officers are doing for our community. Changes are afoot on our streets and – one more
25 time - we are asking for your help in easing the transition.

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27 MCB4 has been working closely with the New York City Department of Transportation
28 (DOT), the businesses and residents to ensure that sufficient loading and unloading space
29 is available to the businesses located on Eighth and Ninth Avenues once the protected
30 bike lanes are completed this summer. Particular areas of concerns are the areas of W.
31 53rd to W. 55th Streets and 8th Avenue where the Westerly Supermarket is located, and to
32 a lesser degree W. 40th to W. 35th Streets and Ninth Avenue, where many small food
33 businesses receive a large a number of deliveries.

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35 MCB4 is seeking your help in making your officers aware of the new loading regulations:

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- 37 • On the North and South curbs of W. 55th Street, West of Eighth Avenue
 - 38 • On the west side of Eighth Avenue from W. 53rd to W. 55th Streets
 - 39 • On the East side of Ninth Avenue, from W. 40th to W. 35th Street.

40 The elimination of parking and loading spaces along the avenues to create turn lanes
41 along the bicycle path makes it even more important that free space be available for
42 businesses loading/unloading and to avoid double parking by trucks.

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44 We thus hope you could request that officers park their vehicles in regular parking spaces
45 and avoid parking in loading areas.

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1 We also want to extend our gratitude for the increased enforcement against cars illegally
2 claiming police parking privileges along W. 55th Street and for the order brought to the
3 perpendicular parking on W. 35th Street, and encourage your continued efforts.

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5 We appreciate your consideration.

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7 Sincerely,

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9 Cc: Margaret Forgione, Department of Transportation