

1 **Transportation Planning Committee**

Item #: 21

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

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9 **Re: No Truck Signage**

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11 Dear Commissioner Forgione:

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13 Manhattan Community Board 4 (CB4) requests that the Department of Transportation
14 (DOT) install signs adjacent to the traffic signals on Ninth Avenue from W. 29th to W.
15 17th Streets to prevent trucks from turning left (east) onto residential streets. Trucks are
16 not permitted on these streets, except for local deliveries.

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

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

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32 Sincerely

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