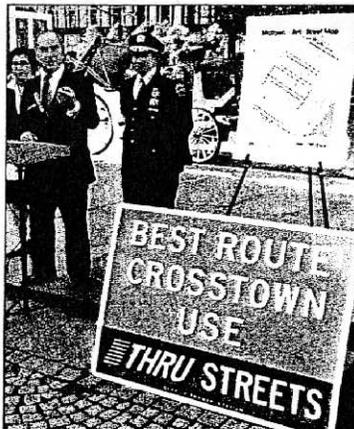


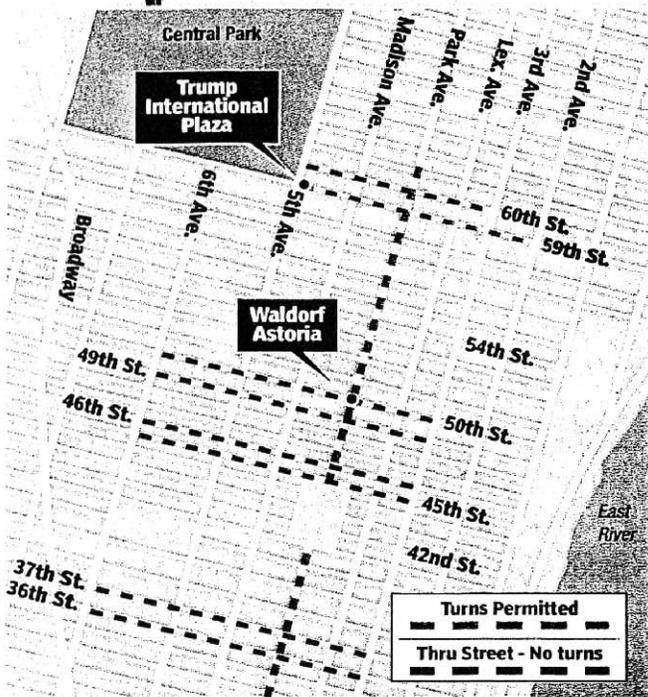
# CITY TURNAROUND

## As the world turns

Starting Monday, 59th Street will no longer be a "thru street" and turns from it will be permitted. Park Avenue also will be removed from the program, so drivers can make turns onto Park Avenue in either direction from existing thru streets.



Mayor Bloomberg announces the Thru Streets program on September 30.



## Mike allows easier Thru Street escape

By STEPHANIE GASKELL

After getting an earful from Donald Trump and Queen Noor of Jordan, the city has scaled back its "Thru Streets" program.

Mayor Bloomberg announced yesterday that drivers on the city's Thru Streets in Midtown can now make turns either way on to Park Avenue, which had previously been prohibited.

And the Thru Street on 59th Street is through. The congested thoroughfare is being removed from the program.

Trump had cited the parking garage at the GM Building at Trump International Plaza on East 59th Street as a business hurt by the program because drivers had to go all the way to Third Avenue before they could make a turn.

"At a time when our city needs more access to transportation, it's not wise to tie a tourniquet around our existing arteries," The Donald wrote recently to the city Department of Transportation.

The Donald said yesterday he was glad the city finally came around — but added that it's not enough.

"I'm happy they've amended [the program], but the real amendment is to throw it out," Trump said. "It doesn't help to tweak the system. You can't tweak something that's a stone-cold loser."

Earlier this month, The Post reported how the Thru Street rules were a royal pain for Queen Noor of Jordan during a recent stay at the Waldorf-Astoria.

Her limo got on a Thru Street and the queen nearly missed her flight out of JFK — prompting

Should you take the FDR or cruise down Second Avenue? Is the 59th Street Bridge so backed up that you'll never make your morning meeting?

Starting Monday, New Yorkers can flip to Channel 74 from 6:30 to 9 a.m. and see live camera shots of some of the city's busiest spots.

The show, called "Morning Drive Live," will show 22 locations throughout the five boroughs. Each shot will last eight seconds and continually rotate during the 2½-hour program.

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the Hotel Association of New York to ask the DOT to overhaul the regulations.

The changes announced will help ease the situation at the Waldorf.

"We said we would tweak the program a little bit as we went on," Transportation Commissioner Iris Weinshall said yesterday as she and Mayor Bloomberg announced the revamping of the program on the mayor's weekly radio program.

"We said first and foremost we didn't want to make it worse. And we realized that one of the streets that we had made worse was 59th Street."

Bloomberg defended the Thru Streets, saying drivers just need more time to get used to the new rules.

Last month, the city designated 10 Midtown streets as express routes, or Thru Streets, banning drivers from making turns between Third and Sixth avenues from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays.

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