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 Industry Notice #01 (Special)
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COMMUTER VAN LOADING/UNLOADING SITES ESTABLISHED IN DOWNTOWN BROOKLYN

The establishment of Commuter Van loading/unloading sites in certain areas of the City has been identified as a means of remedying issues of traffic congestion and safety. In acknowledgment of this concept, and as a result of the collaborative efforts of the New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) and its Commuter Van Advisory Board, the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) and the New York City Police Department (NYPD), four sites have been identified in Downtown Brooklyn to serve as loading/unloading and layover areas at common termini. The sites, which were effective February 12, 2001, are expected to ease traffic congestion at termini shared by several commuter van lines. The sites are identifiable by signs that read "NO STANDING, COMMUTER VAN STOP, AUTHORIZED COMMUTER VANS ONLY"; and are eligible for use by the commuter van services whose operating authority encompasses the locations, as indicated below.

1. East Side of Ashland Place between Hanson Place and Lafayette Avenue

Brooklyn Van Lines Ogo
 Krystale P&R

2. West Side of Nevins Street between Schermerhorn and Livingston Streets

Brooklyn Van Lines Ogo
 Community Transp. Systems P&R
 Hal Transportation Sweet P
 Krystale

3. East Side of Bond Street between Fulton Mall and Livingston Street

Brooklyn Van Lines NYC Express
 Community Transp. Systems Ogo
 Dollavan Legal Transp. P&R
 Hal Transportation Sweet P
 Krystale Williams Transportation
 Main Street

4. West side of Hoyt Street between State and Schermerhorn Streets

Brooklyn Van Lines Ogo
 Community Transp. Systems P&R
 Krystale

Passengers may be picked up or dropped off in accordance with existing regulations. The sites may be used only if within a van operator's designated authority. Enforcement action will be taken against violators.

The success of the van sites in achieving the goals stated above will be measured and assessed on a continuing basis. Users are urged to adhere to regulations regarding the use of the sites, to assure an orderly flow of traffic and congestion mitigation, to minimize noise, and generally, to create a model for future expansion.

Operators are cautioned ***not to sound their horns unless to warn of danger.*** Strict enforcement will be conducted against violators; summonses carry substantial fines.

In addition, when approaching a stop that is already full with commuter vans, it is important to move on and not obstruct traffic. Violators will be summonsed under existing New York City Traffic Rules.