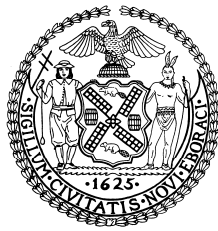


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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

July 19, 2012

Margaret Forgione
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
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Re: Request by MTA contactor Skanska Traylor JV for truck layover lanes on the east side of 2nd Avenue between E. 88 – E. 89th Streets and E. 89th – E. 90th Street, and a request from MTA contractor SSK JV for truck layover lanes between E. 74 – E. 75th Streets for the adjacent traffic lane and from E. 75 – E. 76th streets for adjacent traffic lane only.

Dear Commissioner Forgione:

At the July 18, 2012 Full Board meeting, Community Board 8M **APPROVED** the following resolution by a vote of 40 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstention and 0 not voting for cause:

Part I: 88th to 91st was presented by Phil Rice, MTA Capital Construction Manager. Mr. Rice stated that up to fourteen muck trucks could be operating at peak times, which would involve 70 to 72 truck trips per day. The Committee was concerned about the issues of truck idling, the potential for tying up traffic, and the ability of people to use the parking lanes when the trucks are around. There was also concern about the use of two spaces between East 90th and East 91st Streets on the west side of Second Avenue. Mr. Rice stated that these lanes, which are No Standing lanes, would only be used in unusual circumstances and only from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., both non-rush hour times. It is expected that the primary location would be between East 88th and East 89th Streets with less use of the spaces between East 89th and East 90th Streets. The muck truck operations are expected to last for approximately one year.

WHEREAS, it is necessary that truck layover lanes be available for muck truck operations on the east side of Second Avenue between East 88th Street and East 90th Street, and

WHEREAS, it is also necessary to have truck layover lanes on the west side of Second Avenue between East 90th and East 91st Streets as a contingency measure, and

WHEREAS, the MTA and its contractor have committed to make efforts to control the flow of trucks using the layover lanes and to enforce the no idling rules,

THEREFORE RESOLVED, that Community Board 8M approves the MTA proposal to use the curb lane on Second Avenue from East 88th Street to East 89th Street as a muck truck queuing lane from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and to use the travel lane adjacent to the curb lane on Second Avenue between East 88th Street and East 89th Street as an additional muck truck queuing lane from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Community Board 8M approves the MTA proposal to use the curb lane on Second Avenue between East 89th and East 90th Streets as a muck truck queuing lane from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. Monday through Friday and to use the travel lane adjacent to the curb lane on Second Avenue between East 89th and East 90th Streets as an additional muck truck queuing lane from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. Monday through Friday, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Community Board 8M approves the MTA proposal to use the "No Standing" zone on the west side of Second Avenue between East 90th and East 91st Streets as a muck truck queuing lane from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday. The use of this area should only be in the event of a contingency situation.

Part II: 74th Street to 76th Street was presented by Dan Mando, MPT Coordinator for MTA Capital Construction. Muck truck operations could involve up to 24 trips per day. Community Board 8M had already approved use of certain lanes only for muck truck operations. These operations are expected to last until February 2013. However, concrete truck operations are just beginning and are expected to last for one year until July 2013. The concrete trucks, will service three drop locations (66th, 68-69, 72nd Street Shaft). To pour 200 yards per day, involves about 20 trucks, 4 - 5 trucks per hour (per site) from 7 am to 2 pm. At peak periods there could be up to 500 yards poured daily, 4 to 6 trucks per hour (per site), from 7 AM to about 6 PM. Every effort will be made to move the trucks out as quickly as possible since concrete trucks have to keep their motors running at all times.

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the MTA to have access to additional lanes on Second Avenue between East 74th Street and East 76th Street to help the traffic flow in connection with the continuing muck truck operations and the beginning concrete truck operations; and

WHEREAS, the MTA will only use the lanes that are necessary for these operations and will come back to us after the muck truck operations are over in February, 2013;

THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that Community Board 8M approves the MTA proposal to use the lane adjacent to the curb lane on the East side of Second Avenue between East 74th Street and East 75th Street for truck queuing operations from 7am to 10 pm, Monday through Friday and to use the lane adjacent to the curb lane on the East side Second Avenue between 75th Street and 76th Street for truck queuing operations from 7am to 10 pm, Monday through Friday.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the MTA will come back to Community Board 8M after the muck truck operations are completed to review the situation between East 74th Street and East 76th Street in order to restore those areas to regular parking to the extent possible.

Please advise this office of any action taken regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Viest
Chair

A. Scott Falk and Charles Warren
Co-Chairs, Transportation Committee

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