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**The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan
Transportation Committee**
Wednesday, November 5, 2025 6:30 PM
Conducted Remotely on Zoom

Please note: The resolutions contained in the committee minutes are recommendations submitted by the committee co-chairs to the Community Board. At the monthly full board meeting, the resolution is discussed and voted upon by all members of Community Board 8 Manhattan.

Resolutions to be voted on:

Item 2: Revocable Consent Request--49 East 67th Street (Unanimous Approval)

Item 3: Revocable Consent Request –132 East 64th Street

Item 4: Request to Change Parking Regulations--205 East 85th Street

**Item 5: Request to Change Parking Regulations—Between 320 and 360 East 65th Street
(Unanimous Disapproval)**

Item 6: Request to Change Parking Regulations—505 East 75th Street (Unanimous Approval)

Minutes:

Present: Elizabeth Ashby, Michele Birnbaum, Lori Bores, DJ Falkson, Sebastian Hallum Clarke, Paul Krikler, Todd Stein, Charles Warren

Absent (excused): Craig Lader (Excused)

Absent (unexcused): Valerie Mason, John McClement, John Philips

Approximate Number of Public Attendees: 44

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM.

Item 1: Continued discussion about issues related to the accessibility of getting into taxis and black cars.

This was an issue that was brought up at our October 2025 meeting by Board Member Elizabeth Ashby and was held over to see if the Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) would send a representative. We were unable to get a representative to come to this meeting, but the TLC sent over some information discussing the issue.

As of October 18, 2024, all new yellow taxis are required to be ADA-compliant and accommodate wheelchairs. To accommodate the concerns of those with walkers and canes, some vehicles may have side-rear entrances, and staff are supposed to, on request, help those needing assistance. Black car services are supposed to provide ADA-compliant vehicles on request and to provide assistance on request. Elizabeth Ashby indicated this is a problem for many people who do not need wheelchairs but have trouble getting into taxis and black cars because of the height of the vehicle. The Board indicated

this is something that needs to be further discussed, and possibly some sort of step could be required that could be carried in the trunk for use in helping people get into and out of the vehicle.

Item 2: PUBLIC HEARING: A New DOT Revocable Consent Application to install a hydronic snow melting system at 49 East 67th Street (Between Madison and Park Avenues)

An application to install a snow melting system beneath the sidewalk at 48 East 67th Street was presented, which would operate with hot water melting the snow once the temperature reached a certain level. The system would have all controls inside the building and would be operated from inside. It would consist of durable plastic tubing that should not leak that easily. If there were a leak, it would require the sidewalk to be disturbed in order to repair the system. The system would not use much electricity since it operates efficiently. The installation of the system would take about two weeks.

WHEREAS; the property owner at 49 East 67th Street is seeking a revocable consent to install a hydronic snow melting system beneath the sidewalk of the property; and

WHEREAS; the system would be operated from within the building; and

WHEREAS; there was no public opposition to this application;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board 8 Manhattan approves a Revocable Consent Application to install a hydronic snow melting system at 49 East 67th Street.

Yes (6): Birnbaum, Bores, Falkson, Hallum Clarke, Krikler, Warren

No (0): None

Abstain (0): None

Item 3: PUBLIC HEARING: A New DOT Revocable Consent Application to install a stoop and fenced-in area at 132 East 64th Street (Between Lexington and Park Avenues)

Andreas Tomarides, the project architect, made the presentation with a number of slides. The project involved putting two townhouses together and replacing a stoop that had been there for many years, but had been removed. There would also be fences that went across the buildings that would have planters behind them. The fences extended to 4 feet 5 inches beyond the property line. There was extensive work done to the buildings, which had been approved by the Landmarks Preservation Commission. There was extensive discussion about the application, and a number of Board members were concerned about the fences that went across the width of both buildings.

WHEREAS; the property owner at 132 East 64th Street is seeking to install a stoop and a fenced-in area in front of the property; and

WHEREAS; the fenced-in area would extend 4 feet 5 inches past the building; and

WHEREAS; the proposed fenced-in area was perceived as providing minimal public benefit and as a giveaway of public space to private interest;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board 8 Manhattan disapproves the Revocable Consent Application to install a stoop and fenced in area at 132 East 64th Street.

Yes (5): Birnbaum, Bores, Falkson, Hallum Clarke, Krikler

No (1): Warren

Abstain (0): None

Item 4: Request to change the parking regulations in front of 205 East 85th Street (Between Third and Second Avenues) to No Parking/Standing Zone

Michelle Goldstein made the presentation for the building. The request was for one space in front so that passengers could be loaded and unloaded. The building has a number of older residents, and it is difficult for them to get in and out of vehicles since there is much double parking in the area, and it is dangerous for children. The building gathered a petition with the signatures of many residents to support this request. A number of residents also spoke on behalf of the request. The Co-chair mentioned the policy of not taking away parking spaces in front of residential buildings and the precedent that would be set if these requests were granted. A number of Committee members spoke in favor of this request.

WHEREAS; the residents of 205 East 85th Street have requested a change in parking regulations to a No Standing Zone for one space in front of the building; and

WHEREAS; many residents have signed a petition supporting the request; and

WHEREAS; the DOT has told the building representatives of the building that it has no objection to the request;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board 8 Manhattan **APPROVES** the request for one space to be changed to “No Standing” in front of 205 East 85th Street.

Yes (4): Bores, Falkson, Hallum Clarke, Krikler

No (2): Birnbaum, Warren

Abstain (0): None

Item 5: Request to change parking regulations in front of 320 East 65th Street to 360 East 65th Street to a Truck Loading Zone or No Standing

This request was presented by a member of the public, Max McLaughlin, who lives on the block. He had a number of pictures showing double parking, especially with trucks, and mentioned that horn honking is a large problem. He strongly felt that if there were more spaces for trucks, it would alleviate the situation. A number of other residents on the block opposed this request. Those residents said that the businesses on the block were small and did not get many truck deliveries. They also said it was a very nice block, and horn honking was not a big problem. Also, the point was made that parking was hard to find and that this proposal would result in losing about 18 spots that are now Alternate Side Parking. One of the problems is that a large truck has been permanently parked in front of a small residential building, supplying heat to that building. It was suggested by the Co-Chair that the Board would look into that situation and see if anything could be done to deal with that problem. In the end, Mr. McLaughlin had sympathy with his neighbors and thought his solution might not work.

WHEREAS; there has been a request by a member of the public to change the parking regulations between 320 East 65th Street and 360 East 65th Street to Truck Loading Zone; and

WHEREAS; many members of the block opposed this change as unnecessary; and

WHEREAS; the proposer of the request had sympathy for the concerns of his neighbors;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board 8 Manhattan **DISAPPROVES** the request to change the parking regulations between 320 East 65th Street and 360 East 65th Street from Alternate Side Parking to a Truck Loading Zone.

Yes (7): Birnbaum, Bores, Falkson, Hallum Clarke, Krikler, Stein, Warren

No (0): None

Abstain (0): None

Item 6: Request to change parking regulations at 505 East 75th Street to extend no standing during school days, currently from between 7 AM - 4 PM to 7 AM - 5 PM

Terence Kennedy made the presentation for the Lycee Francais School. He indicated that extending the no-standing time by one hour would be very helpful to the school, as they have many programs that do not end until 4 PM, and students often stay around to talk and do not get picked up until later. Also, there are after-school programs that go beyond 4 PM, and young students are among those who are around after 4 PM. The extra hour would make a big difference in ensuring safety for all of the students.

WHEREAS; the Lycee Francais School has made a request to extend its No Standing during School Days for one hour in the afternoon; and

WHEREAS; this would help ensure that the students of all ages could safely get picked up after finishing classes and after school programs;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board 8 Manhattan **APPROVES** the request of the Lycee Francais to extend by one hour the “No Standing During School Days” zone in front of its building at 505 East 75th Street to 7 AM - 5 PM.

Yes (7): Birnbaum, Bores, Falkson, Hallum Clarke, Krikler, Stein, Warren

No (0): None

Abstain (0): None

Item 7: NYCDOT Updates

Rafael Escano, NYCDOT liaison to CB8M, announced that the 96th Street FDR ramp project has been pushed off until 2026. He also announced that the street work at East 63rd Street and Second Avenue is in progress and will end soon.

Item 8: Old Business

- A member asked about the enforcement compliance of outdoor dining and whether there have been more inspectors hired, and specifically raised an issue with a non-compliant structure on the

northwest corner of East 89th Street and Second Avenue; Mr. Escano noted the issue and said that no new agents have been hired, and that they would be helpful.

- A question was raised about timing for a presentation on a potential crosstown bike lane at East 72nd Street; Mr. Escano said he didn't have any updates on the timing.
- A public attendee asked about the Third Avenue redesign and whether there would be upgrades to install permanent concrete raised pedestrian islands rather than plastic flexible barriers. Mr. Escano said he would investigate. A committee member emphasized the importance of this request.
- A public attendee asked if there were any updates about the request to install street sweeping regulations; Mr. Escano confirmed that the letter discussed previously, which indicated that the request was not being granted, is still the policy in effect.

Item 9: New Business

There was no new business.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Charles Warren & Craig Lader, Co-Chairs