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Chief Thomas M. Chan  
New York Police Department Headquarters  
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1 Police Plaza  
New York, NY 10038

**Re: Enforcement of Jitney Bus Operations  
West 42<sup>nd</sup> Street between Eighth and Ninth Avenues**

Dear Chief Chan:

Manhattan Community Board 4 (CB4) would like to request the assistance of the New York Police Department (NYPD) in better regulating the Jitney bus operation on West 42<sup>nd</sup> Street between Eighth and Ninth Avenues outside of the Port Authority Bus Terminal. Currently three bus operators, Fuji, Galaxy, and Three Aces use locations on the north and south side of the street as curbside terminals. Although these operators have been using these locations for close to a decade they failed to apply for a permit from the DOT as required by provisions 04-01 and 04-10 in Section 4 of the Rules of the City of New York which requires Intercity Bus operators with existing DOT authorized bus stops to reapply to keep these stops and provide for a 90 Day review period, including Community Board review.

The use of these Intercity Bus stops along West 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, between Eighth and Ninth Avenues, has grown so significantly in recent years that the sidewalk has become impassable for most pedestrians (particularly around commuting and after-theater hours). The bus operations block a designated bus lane that causes significant delays for the MTA M42 bus, which has frequently been the winner of the Straphanger Campaign's "Slow Poke Award." During evening commute and after theater shows, the lines for commuting passengers waiting to load on the North Side of the street typically extends from mid-block on West 42<sup>nd</sup> Street around the corner to mid-block on Ninth Avenue between West 42<sup>nd</sup> and West 43<sup>rd</sup> Streets.

Furthermore, these buses are a safety concern for cars and pedestrians. The buses are frequently idling and double parked causing greater congestion on an already heavily congested roadway and creating unnecessary pollution. On their approach to the Lincoln tunnel these buses make a left turn on Ninth Avenue heading towards West 41<sup>st</sup> Street, which causes further backup on both Ninth Avenue and West 42<sup>nd</sup> Street.

CB4 appreciates the service these buses provide to commuters from New Jersey, but would like their operation to be better managed. First we would like them to submit their application to the DOT for the intercity bus permit, and we would like the (NYPD) to increase enforcement for

operating without a permit. It has come to the attention of CB4 that there is some confusion between NYPD and DOT regarding the status of the permit and the NYPD's ability to enforce the operation. CB4 has confirmed that these operators have not applied for a permit and that the NYPD should be enforcing the violation of provisions 04-01 and 04-10 in Section 4 of the Rules of the City of New York.

Sincerely,



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