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Borough Commissioner Margaret Forgione
Department of Transportation
59 Maiden Lane, 37th Floor
New York, NY 10038

Re: Bicycle and Motorcycle Parking

Dear Commissioner Forgione:

Manhattan Community Board 4 supports the request of the New York Motorcycle and Scooter Task Force (NYMSTF) to install "Motorcycle Only Parking" signs in our district. Based on the observations of NYMSTF and Transportation Planning Committee members, the locations we recommend are as follows:

1. Three locations requested in June 2010 - Now that the bike lane is completed and bike share stations have been assigned, please let us know when such parking regulations can be installed. It will help corral the motorcycles in legal parking spaces and away from pedestrian crossings.
 - a. Southwest corner of West 22nd Street and Seventh Avenue (28 feet or 7 motorcycle/scooter spaces);
 - b. Northwest corner of West 28th Street and Eighth Avenue (24 feet or 6 motorcycle/scooter spaces);
 - c. Northeast corner of West 38th Street and Ninth Avenue (24 feet or 6 motorcycle/scooter spaces, starting 15 feet from the fire hydrant.
2. New locations in the spaces on the floating parking lanes on Ninth Avenue which are too small for car parking.
 - a. An area at the southeast corner of Ninth Avenue and West 38th Street, between the pedestrian refuge and the fire hydrant requisite clearance (4 motorcycle/scooter spaces)
 - b. An area within the boundary of the bicycle corral, at its north end, located between West 35th and West 36th Streets (4 motorcycle/scooter spaces)
3. New location on West 37th Street where there is an increased residential use of the sidewalks:
 - a. Replace one Bus Parking space (40 feet) with a combination bike corral/motorcycle parking on the north side of West 37th Street, from the eastern property line of 431 West 37th Street, to a distance of 40 feet east, on the bridge.

- b. The bike corral would be located on the western portion and the motorcycle parking on the eastern portion of the space.

These new locations will continue to reduce sidewalk use for motorcycle/scooter parking and encourage more commuting by motorcycle instead of cars.

For the future, we recommend that all new bike corrals allow space for three to four motorcycles and that the parking regulation be amended accordingly.

Sincerely,



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