

Illegal Bus Traffic on West 44th Street in Manhattan

The residents of West 44th Street between 9th and 10th Avenues have complained that a large number of commuter and tour buses travel on this residential block, instead of using the proper truck routes to reach their destination. In an effort to quantify the problem they performed a survey of origin and destination on Wednesday March 13th, 2013 between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m.

W44th Street between 9th and 10th Avenues is a very residential street, lined with four story-brownstones and historical buildings. There are two lanes of parking and one moving lane.

FINDINGS:

90% of the buses use this street at a detour to reach the Port Authority Bus Terminal (PABT) located at W40th Street and 9th Avenue instead of approved truck routes like 42nd Street or even better, 40th Street that would deliver them directly to the terminal, avoiding three dangerous turns in conflict with high volumes of pedestrians.

- 59 buses traveled on the residential block in two hours. At 5:00 pm, 20 buses in 28 minutes traveled this block, all headed to the (PABT)
- 54 buses or 90% make a right turn south on 9th Avenue, all but few exceptions headed to the PABT on 40th Street and 9th Avenue.
 - 35 of them came north on 10th Avenue and made a turn East on 44th Street.
 - 19 buses came from further west
- 5 buses went east at 9th Avenue, all of them coming from further west at 10th Avenue
- Some of the buses double park on the street and idle.
- 7 companies account for 80% of the traffic (see attachment 1):
 - Academy, with 14 buses or 24%, all turning south on 9th Avenue
 - Community Lines Jitney – Gate 51, with 11 buses or 19%, all turning south on 9th Avenue
 - NJ Transit, with 8 buses or 14%, all turning south on 9th Avenue
 - Trans Bridge Lines with 4 buses, all turning south on 9th Avenue
 - Martz, with 3 buses, all turning south on 9th Avenue,
 - Bieber and MTA (not in service), each with 2 buses, all turning south on 9th Avenue

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Bus companies and the Port Authority Management should instruct drivers to respect truck routes and preferred routes to reach the PABT (see attachment 2).
- New signage should be installed at 44th street and 10th avenue (on the avenue and on the street) barring trucks and commercial traffic.
- New signage should be installed at the Lincoln Tunnel exit to direct buses to 40th Street terminal entrance.
- Speed Bumps should be installed on 44th Street between 11th and 9th Avenue in anticipation of the reopening of PS 51 and a second school on 44th Street.



Congestion and Double Parking on W44th Street

For more illustrations [Click Here](#)



Bus Mayhem is a daily occurrence, blocking intersection and causing gridlock while the Traffic Signal is red at W44th Street and 9th Avenue







Pedestrians risk their lives to cross the street, walking around buses too large for the drivers to see them



IMPORTANT ADVISORY

Please be advised that commercial vehicles cannot travel on most Parkways.

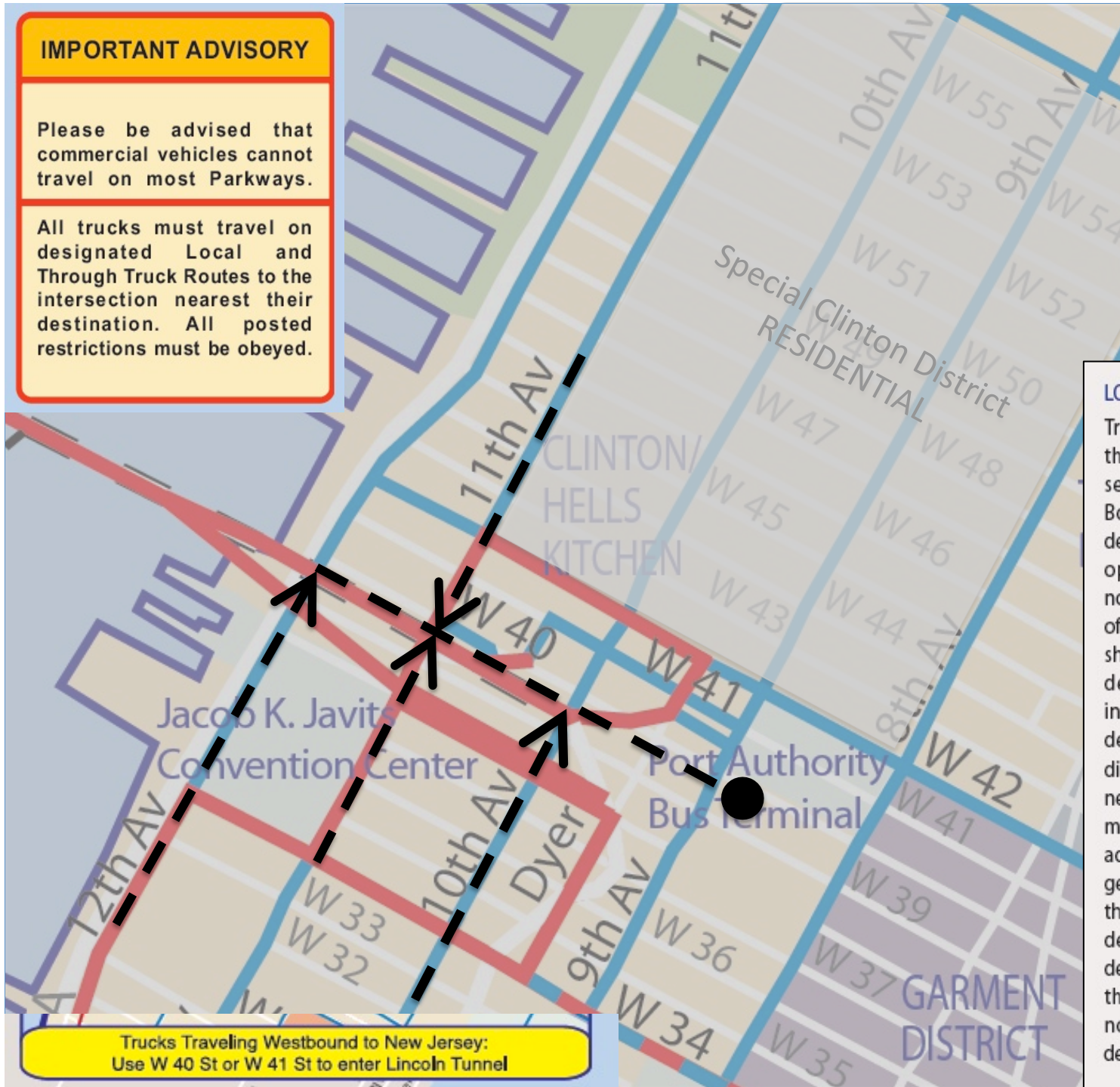
All trucks must travel on designated Local and Through Truck Routes to the intersection nearest their destination. All posted restrictions must be obeyed.

-  Thru Trucks
-  Local Trucks
-  To Port Authority Bus Terminal

LOCAL TRUCK ROUTE

Trucks with an origin or destination for the purpose of delivery, loading or servicing within the respective Borough, shall only operate on designated local routes, except that an operator may operate on a non-designated street for the purpose of arriving at his/her destination. This shall be accomplished by leaving a designated truck route at the intersection that is nearest to their destination, proceeding by the most direct route, and then returning to the nearest designated truck route by the most direct route. If the operator has additional destinations in the same general area, he/she may proceed by the most direct route to his/her next destination without returning to a designated truck route, provided that the operator's next destination does not require that he/she cross a designated truck route.

Trucks Traveling Westbound to New Jersey:
Use W 40 St or W 41 St to enter Lincoln Tunnel



Data Collection

Bus Company	Bus #	Direction (R or S) at 10th Av.	Time (H:MM)	Direction (R or S) at 9th Av.	Time (H:MM)	CLICK BELOW FOR	CLICK BELOW FOR	CLICK BELOW FOR
ABCO ENTERP	800	S	4:28 PM	S	4:29 PM	10th Av Picture	9th Av Picture	
ACADEMY	1849	R	4:29 PM	R	4:31 PM	10th Av Picture	9th Av Picture	
ACADEMY	8621	R	4:34 PM	R	4:36 PM	10th Av Picture	9th Av Picture	
ACADEMY	1853	R	4:44 PM	R	4:55 PM			
ACADEMY	8565	S	5:05 PM	R	5:08 PM		9th Av Picture	Additional Picture
ACADEMY	8649	R	5:05 PM	R	5:09 PM		9th Av Picture	Additional Picture
ACADEMY	8675	R	5:04 PM	R	5:14 PM		9th Av Picture	Additional Picture
ACADEMY	8679	R	5:09 PM	R	5:15 PM		9th Av Picture	Additional Picture
ACADEMY	8930	R	5:09 PM	R	5:17 PM		9th Av Picture	Additional Picture
ACADEMY	8583	R	5:21 PM	R	5:27 PM		9th Av Picture	Additional Picture
ACADEMY	8656	S	5:23 PM	R	5:29 PM		9th Av Picture	Additional Picture
ACADEMY	8605	S	5:25 PM	R	5:32 PM		9th Av Picture	Additional Picture
ACADEMY	8861	S	5:26 PM	R	5:34 PM		9th Av Picture	Additional Picture
ACADEMY	8599	R	5:40 PM	R	5:46 PM		9th Av Picture	
ACADEMY	8639	R	5:44 PM	R	5:48 PM		9th Av Picture	
AYAN TRAVEL	A8	S	4:15 PM	S	4:17 PM	10th Av Picture	9th Av Picture	
BIEBER	586	R	4:44 PM	R	4:46 PM	10th Av Picture	9th Av Picture	

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BIEBER	583	S	5:07 PM	R	5:11 PM		9th Av Picture	Additional Picture
CHAMPION JI	T5	R	5:42 PM	R	5:47 PM		9th Av Picture	Additional Picture
COMMUNITY	110	S	4:36 PM	R	4:38 PM	10th Av Picture		
COMMUNITY	F45	S	4:49 PM	R	4:50 PM	10th Av Picture	9th Av Picture	
COMMUNITY	109	S	4:50 PM	R	4:52 PM	10th Av Picture	9th Av Picture	
COMMUNITY	414	S	4:51 PM	R	4:54 PM		9th Av Picture	Additional Picture
COMMUNITY	308	R	5:06 PM	R	5:08 PM		9th Av Picture	Additional Picture
COMMUNITY	S45	S		R	5:19 PM		9th Av Picture	Additional Picture
COMMUNITY	124	S	5:09 PM	R	5:19 PM		9th Av Picture	Additional Picture
COMMUNITY	544	R	5:23 PM	R	5:29 PM		9th Av Picture	Additional Picture
COMMUNITY	809	R	5:24 PM	R	5:29 PM		9th Av Picture	Additional Picture
COMMUNITY	M45	S	5:45 PM	R	5:49 PM		9th Av Picture	Additional Picture
COMMUNITY	11	R	5:46 PM	R	5:50 PM		9th Av Picture	Additional Picture
CORPORATE B	836	S	5:36 PM	R	5:42 PM		9th Av Picture	
GOLDEN TOUCH				R	4:10 PM		9th Av Picture	Additional Picture
GOLDEN TOUCH	4930	S	5:59 PM	S	6:00 PM		9th Av Picture	Additional Picture
GREY HOUND	86177	S	5:21 PM	R	5:25 PM		9th Av Picture	Additional Picture
JITNEY EXPRESS	512	R	4:09 PM	R	4:10 PM	10th Av Picture	9th Av Picture	

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MARTZ	M588	S	4:21 PM	R	4:24 PM	10th Av Picture	9th Av Picture	
MARTZ	M710	R	5:35 PM	R	5:40 PM		9th Av Picture	Additional Picture
MARTZ	M811	R	5:37 PM	R	5:43 PM		9th Av Picture	Additional Picture
MONSEY TOUT	910	R	5:33 PM	R	5:37 PM		9th Av Picture	Additional Picture
MTA (NOT IN	3807	R	4:20 PM	R	4:22 PM	10th Av Picture	9th Av Picture	
MTA (NOT IN	3800	R	4:40 PM	R	4:42 PM	10th Av Picture	9th Av Picture	
N.Y. JITNEY	353	S	4:29 PM	R	4:31 PM		9th Av Picture	Additional Picture
N.Y. JITNEY		S	4:29 PM	R	4:31 PM	10th Av Picture	9th Av Picture	
NJTRANSIT	7960	R	4:29 PM	R	4:31 PM	10th Av Picture	9th Av Picture	
NJTRANSIT	7921	R	4:46 PM	R	4:49 PM	10th Av Picture	9th Av Picture	
NJTRANSIT	7944	R	5:01 PM	R	5:03 PM		9th Av Picture	Additional Picture
NJTRANSIT	7945	R	5:01 PM	R	5:04 PM		9th Av Picture	Additional Picture
NJTRANSIT	7941	R	5:06 PM	R	5:09 PM		9th Av Picture	Additional Picture
NJTRANSIT	7950	R	5:11 PM	R	5:19 PM		9th Av Picture	Additional Picture
NJTRANSIT	6011	R	5:20 PM	R	5:25 PM		9th Av Picture	Additional Picture
NJTRANSIT	7745	R	5:29 PM	R	5:35 PM		9th Av Picture	Additional Picture
RED & TAN	8882	R	5:20 PM	R	5:25 PM		9th Av Picture	Additional Picture
RUTGERS UNI	8563	S	5:32 PM	S	5:37 PM		9th Av Picture	Additional Picture

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SPHINX				R	5:26 PM		9th Av Picture	Additional Picture
STARR TOURS	148	S	4:43 PM	S	4:43 PM	10th Av Picture	9th Av Picture	
TRANS BRIDG	8556	R	4:37 PM	R	4:38 PM	10th Av Picture	9th Av Picture	
TRANS BRIDG	388	R	4:46 PM	R	4:49 PM	10th Av Picture	9th Av Picture	
TRANS BRIDG	299	R	5:11 PM	R	5:16 PM		9th Av Picture	Additional Picture
TRANS BRIDG	331	R	5:48 PM	R	5:51 PM		9th Av Picture	Additional Picture