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Commissioner Mike Flynn
NYC Department of Transportation
55 Water Street
New York, NY 10041

Dear Commissioner Flynn,

I am writing on behalf of Weickert Industries, Inc. to express our support for the NYC Truck Route Network Redesign. Weickert Industries, Inc. relies on truck routes to safely and efficiently move goods through New York City's dense, high-traffic urban environment.

We at Weickert Industries, Inc., are family-owned HVAC and sheet metal fabrication contractor based in Long Island City, Queens, with several dozen employees, providing heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and mechanical system services to commercial, institutional, and industrial clients across New York City's five boroughs.

As an industrial contractor operating in Long Island City, Weickert Industries, Inc. sits within the critical infrastructure ecosystem that supports New York City's built environment. Our work as a family-owned HVAC and sheet metal contractor depends on the reliable movement of service vehicles, skilled technicians, and mechanical equipment to job sites across all five boroughs.

The truck route network is essential to our operations. Unlike freight distribution companies, our vehicles are primarily service and construction-related, transporting HVAC components, sheet metal materials, tools, and large mechanical equipment required for installation, maintenance, and repair of building systems. These materials are often bulky, time-sensitive, and essential to ensuring that commercial, institutional, and industrial buildings throughout the city remain operational.

When designated truck corridors are unclear, poorly signed, or not designed to accommodate heavy vehicles, our technicians and delivery partners are forced to navigate inefficient and sometimes unsafe routes to reach active job sites. This can result in delays to critical building services, increased operational costs, and added risk when maneuvering service vehicles through streets that were not designed for consistent industrial access.

Long Island City is a major hub for industrial and construction-related activity, including HVAC contractors, fabricators, and other skilled trades that support the city's buildings and infrastructure.



For companies like Weickert Industries, Inc., the ability to efficiently move between our fabrication facilities, project sites, and client buildings is directly tied to the quality and clarity of the city's truck route system.

When truck routes are inconsistent or inadequately maintained, service vehicles are often forced onto residential streets or narrow corridors that increase conflict with pedestrians, cyclists, and local traffic. These conditions are especially challenging in mixed-use neighborhoods like Long Island City, where industrial operations exist alongside schools, housing, and commercial corridors. In these environments, the lack of clear freight and service routing creates avoidable operational strain and safety risks.

We encourage the Department of Transportation to continue advancing the Truck Route Network Redesign with clear, enforceable standards that ensure designated routes are truly usable for industrial service vehicles. A truck route designation should reflect not only policy intent, but real-world conditions that support safe and efficient access for vehicles serving construction, building maintenance, and mechanical infrastructure needs.

To be effective, designated routes must meet consistent infrastructure standards, including:

- Pavement condition: Routes must be maintained to support repeated use by heavy service vehicles carrying HVAC equipment and construction materials.
- Geometric adequacy: Turning radii, lane widths, and clearances must accommodate service trucks commonly used in HVAC and construction operations.
- Signage and wayfinding: Clear and consistent signage is necessary to ensure drivers can safely reach job sites without last-minute routing decisions.
- Route continuity: Service routes must provide uninterrupted, logical access between major corridors, industrial areas, and construction-heavy zones.

Weickert Industries, Inc. remains committed to supporting New York City's built environment through high-quality HVAC and mechanical systems work. However, the efficiency and safety of our operations depend on infrastructure that reflects the realities of modern construction and building services.

A redesigned and properly supported truck route network—one that accounts for the needs of HVAC contractors, construction service providers, and industrial employers—will improve safety, reduce operational inefficiencies, and strengthen the city's ability to maintain its buildings and infrastructure.



We respectfully urge the Department of Transportation and the City Council to ensure that the Truck Route Network Redesign fully reflects the needs of industrial service businesses like Weickert Industries, Inc., which play a vital role in keeping New York City's buildings safe, functional, and efficient.

Respectfully,

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