

United Nations General Assembly 79th Session

17th Precinct Community Council

Preliminary Information as of September 3, 2024

Timing and Impacts

- Street Closures in Midtown Manhattan
Thursday, September 19 – Monday, September 30
- President of United States and World Leaders visiting
- Protests - scheduled and unscheduled demonstrations

Key Messages

- Street closures and pedestrian checkpoints near the UN
- No Parking – vehicles & bikes may be towed or removed without warning
- Presidential visit (dates unconfirmed) will cause widespread disruptions throughout Manhattan
- Demonstrations can occur anytime
- Street closures near hotels throughout Midtown
- Trains recommended for travel
- Bike lanes available

Presidential Visit

- Dates unconfirmed, expected during Sun 9/22-Thu 9/26 timeframe
- All vehicular, bicycle, and pedestrian traffic stopped during Presidential movement
- Freezes can last anywhere from 20-45 minutes in given location
- Travel can occur throughout Manhattan, not limited to midtown locations
- Consider using the subway to get around a freeze

Travel Options

- Subway service will not be disrupted due to UNGA
- Bus service operational, extensive delays expected
 - Northbound M15/M15-SBS service will travel via the 1st Avenue tunnel and will bypass the stops near the UN
 - M34-SBS, M34A-SBS, M42, M50, M57, and M31 crosstown service will experience disruptions on the East Side
 - Express buses will experience major disruptions
- Ferry service subject to delays and suspensions in East River

Bicycles

- Special bike lane on 1st Avenue, through the tunnel
- 2nd Avenue bike lane open, allow extra time
- Crosstown bike lanes open, allow extra time
- Citi Bike stations closed near the UN (42nd St to 47th St, 1st Ave to 2nd Ave)
 - Irregular riding patterns may result in higher demand at certain stations
- Unattended bikes are subject to removal
- Subject to freezes during Presidential travel

Parks and Playgrounds

- Robert Moses Playground (1st Ave between 41st St & 42nd St) closed
- Ralph Bunche Park (1st Ave between 42nd & 43rd St) closed
- Dag Hammarskjold Plaza (47th St between 1st and 2nd Ave) closed
- All other parks expected to remain open
- Visitors to East River parks may notice extra security
- Global Citizen Festival in Central Park on Sat 9/28

Grand Central Terminal

- Open and accessible during operating hours
- Metro-North and Long Island Rail Road on regular schedules
- Access may be limited to ticket holders when demonstrations are nearby (MTA will advise)
- North End access may be limited by frozen zones

Dining/Food Deliveries

- Outdoor dining
 - Restrictions along 2nd Avenue between 42nd St and 57th St and select side streets between 1st and 2nd Ave
 - Check with restaurant before dining
 - Expect frequent sirens and horn honking throughout Midtown
- Food deliveries may be delayed

Secure Zone Closures & Impacts

- Upper level of 1st Ave between 42nd St and 48th Street
- Side Streets between 1st Ave and 2nd Ave
 - 42nd St, 44th St, 45th St, 46th St, and 47th St
 - Tudor City Place
- Pedestrian Checkpoints (24 hours)
 - 2nd Avenue: 42nd, 44th, 45th, 46th and 47th Streets
 - 1st Avenue: 42nd, 46th, and 49th Streets
- No Deliveries
 - Food deliveries can be made along 2nd Avenue
- Sanitation Changes

Sanitation Changes

- Special schedule for residential and commercial garbage collection
 - Thursday, September 19 – Monday, September 30
 - 42nd St to 47th St, between 1st and 2nd Ave
- Trash should not be placed on the curb until 9:00 PM
- See Community Notice for more details

Questions/Concerns

- 17th Precinct Community Information Line
 - (212) 826-3224
- Visit 17th Precinct Community Affairs Command Vehicle
 - Located at 47th St and 1st Ave
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