

City Made Special....for just a few

New Yorker [Cyndi Lauper](#) sang a [song](#) on her breakthrough [LP](#) (back then [it](#) was truly vinyl) about “true colors shining through” but here the truth about NYCDOT [plans](#) to remake the city traffic-scape shines through as all about catering to special folks aka the special interests. We get [plazas](#) and [bike](#) lanes that render vehicle mobility, including buses, more difficult. Now comes special parking for vehicles that serve the most-well heeled. Next step, expanding to similar blocks elsewhere? Interestingly, with just under 250 respondents to a Crains [survey](#), 81% agree that,

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Should the city approve a 'limo lane' for UWS residents?

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The Department of Transportation is considering carving out eight parking spots for livery cars along Riverside Boulevard--an isolated strip from West 63rd to West 71st streets dominated by four Donald Trump buildings. There are already eight so-called for-hire zones in Manhattan, but this would be the first to serve a residential neighborhood filled with chauffeur-driven executives.

Do you think the city should create a special parking lane for limos?

Yes. The idea came from residents who have complained that town cars already illegally double and triple park on local streets. As long as New York has high-powered executives with personal drivers, these cars and their problems will remain. Rather than snarl traffic and endanger pedestrians, the limos should be able to park during the weekdays.

46 votes
(19%)

No. Just because they're rich doesn't give executives with private cars special privileges. If drivers break the law waiting for their clients, they should be ticketed like everybody else. The more the city slices up public space for privileged people--executives, diplomats--the more everyday New Yorkers become second-class citizens.

201 votes
(81%)

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