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DRAFT 2

TO: RCI Steering Committee and Task Force

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JOB: Rebuild Chinatown Initiative (#03008)

RE: **Initial Workshops on Transportation and Placemaking**

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We look forward to seeing you all next week for the first of two workshops on parking, transit, pedestrians, sanitation, etc. Reminder:

Workshop #1 on Transit, Parking & Traffic

Date: Thursday, March 27, 2003

Time: 6:00 – 9:00 PM

Location: 225 Park Row (LMDC Residential Grant Office)

Attached is a lengthy “working paper” on these topics. This is the longest working paper that you will get, since there was so much data; and because it covers two workshops, not one. All available background reports are summarized. Virtually all past and current recommendations and issues are noted. It especially reflects the terrific work coming out of the Canal Area Transportation Study (CATS) sponsored by the New York Metropolitan Transit Council (NYMTC).

The working paper has been designed for easy reading. Note:

- It follows an outline format for
Easy skimming
And fewer words
- Topics are underlined.

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- (Parenthetical text provides reference to sources, and to where the same idea is addressed in more detail elsewhere in the working paper.)
- ***Recommendations are printed in bold italics.***

THIS IS A WORKING DRAFT. It is not a plan. The main purpose of the working paper is to make sure that we all start from approximately the same informational platform. We won't even discuss the topics in the order in which they are presented. Rather, we are likely to address all issues (transit, parking, pedestrians, placemaking, etc.) by geography, i.e., Canal then Bowery, then Chatham Square, then East Broadway, etc. This should keep the conversation brisk.

CAN'T MAKE THE MEETING? Feel free to mark up the working paper (using your electronic copy or printed copy, however you prefer). Return it to Jennifer Sun. Or simply call Jennifer and go through the details.

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As to future workshops (subject to minor revision):

- The next workshop is scheduled for April 10th. It will take up where we leave off this Thursday.
- The subsequent workshop will be scheduled in May, on retail, tourism, culture, and urban design.
- The following workshop, on jobs, garment industry, etc., will be in May or June.
- The last topical workshop, on housing, quality of life, parks, etc. will be in June.
- In September, there will be a final workshop on the composite plan.

HOPE TO SEE YOU. Thank you for your participation.