



Public Safety & Transportation Committee Meeting Summary April 1, 2021

Board Members Present: Juan Torres, Ray Melendez, Shantee Chamblee, Isabelo Adames, Brandon Ganaishlal, DM Rivera

Liquor Licenses

- A. Brisas del Caribe Inc (1207 Castle Hill), Renewal- Approved
- B. Evo Cocktail Lounge & Restaurant (1306 Unionport Rd), Renewal-Approved
- C. Ajo Y Oregano Restaurant, Inc. (1556 White Plains Rd.), New Application- Approved, with restriction (liquor cannot be served after 12am for the first 2 years)

New Business

A. DOT Story Ave Proposal (Presentation was emailed to the committee)- MTA Bronx Bus Network Redesign proposed to Re-route Bx6 SBS east along Story Avenue. Create new Bx6 SBS terminal at Turnbull Avenue and Pugsley Avenue. Serve Hunts Point by Bx6 Local – Bx5 would continue to run on Story Avenue. Proposed 2021 project will continue with some of the bus priority changes ahead of MTA’s Bronx Bus Network Redesign and service changes. Proposed 2021 project will improve existing critical bus service on Bx5, enhance east-west connections, and support future changes that would increase bus frequency on the corridor. Key issues, slow bus speeds, traffic congestion, double parking/loading, long distances between pedestrian crossings. Majority of residents living in Bronx CB 9 use public transportation to get to work – 60.4% use public transportation – 28.6% use a car/carpool. Despite high ridership, minimal space dedicated to buses, resulting in slow bus speeds. Bus and street improvements to the Story Av corridor would directly benefit CB 9 residents. The committee and DOT discussed why changing route to Lafayette Avenue would be a disadvantage to a significant amount of riders.

DM Update- Cross Bronx Expressway- DM Rivera stated that he had meeting with Ritchie Torres and AOC regarding the Cross Bronx Expressway. State DOT is looking to figure out funding to come up with planning phase for short- and long-term solutions.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30 PM

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