



Chairman Brandon Ganaishlal - District Manager William Rivera

Public Safety & Transportation Committee Meeting Summary

May 6, 2021

Board Members Present: Brandon Ganaishlal, Juan Torres, Henry Pelayo, Monique Farrington, Ray Melendez, Shante Chamblee

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- A. DOT Story Ave Proposal was discussed among board members and stakeholders. The committee is amenable to the proposal, however, the current traffic patterns at Bronx River (and Bruckner Blvd.) need to be addressed before this proposal can be approved. The Riders Alliance is in favor of bus redesign including this proposal. Residents looking for more information on the Riders Alliance and their initiatives can visit <http://www.ridersny.org/>. As per NYC DOT, they will change parking regulations in this trouble area to attempt to keep this intersection more clear of traffic. Statistically more than 60% of CB9 residents rely on public transportation, however, the question posed by the committee is, will this proposal effectively improve bus service given the current conditions at the Bronx River and Bruckner Blvd intersection? As per DOT, this project is projected to be implemented this summer. As a result, DOT encouraged the board to think about what long standing issues exist on Story that can be ameliorated by this project. In addition, bus lane hours can be discussed as part of this proposal. As per DM Rivera, enforcement is needed for these changes to be effective. Concerns about emergency vehicles and deliveries were brought up. As per DOT bus lanes will actually improve these services.
- B. Brief overview of "Design-Build" from Laborers Local Union 1010 LECET Representative.
- C. Possible one-way street request for Virgil Ave (Havemeyer Ave to Castle Hill Ave) no longer an option as an alternative to denied speed hump here as residents in this area are not in favor of this request.
- D. Darlene Jackson shared in chat resource regarding of the 43rd precinct Cure Violence Program (S.U.V.) Stand Up to Violence <https://www.thisisthebronx.info/nyc-expands-cure-violence-to-the-43rd-pct/> including additional organizations that organize against violence: Save Our Streets Bronx, Release the Grip, Bronx Rises Against Gun Violence, Guns Down, Life Up.

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