



Chairman Brandon Ganaishlal - District Manager William Rivera

Public Safety & Transportation Committee Meeting Summary December 2, 2021

Board Members Present: Linda Soto, Brandon Ganaishlal, Daniel Porro, Lena Johnson, Monique Farrington, Shante Chamblee

I. Introduction

- A. **Committee Description:** The public safety & transportation committee represents the community's interests with regards to sanitation, crime, fire-ems, quality of life, NYS liquor license application recommendations, street activity permit applications, street re-naming application, transportation and acts as a liaison between community members and the New York Police Department & Fire Departments, NYC Department of Environmental Protection, NYC Department of Sanitation, NYC Department of Transportation, NYC Department of Sanitation & NYS Liquor Authority.

II. Speakers

- A. Thomas Bayer, NY State DOT Bronx Projects:
- NY State DOT Project for the Rehabilitation of the Bruckner Expressway (I-278) over Rosedale Avenue, from Soundview Avenue to Beach Avenue
Presentation by NY State DOT attached. Current bridge requires rehabilitation. There will be a State DOT Liaison assigned to this project which is scheduled to begin in 2023. While work is being conducted, sidewalks will be left intact and there will be full pedestrian access. Request for exit Ramp off Bruckner Expwy to Zerega Ave was discussed.
 - NY State DOT Project to replace three Bronx River Parkway Structures over Amtrak/CSX tracks, East Tremont Avenue, and NY City Transit Authority tracks, between East 177th Street and the Bronx Zoo
Presentation by NY State DOT attached. This project entails more or less the same scope of work as presented in 2008. This project encompasses CB 6, 9, and 11. Changes are necessary here due to this being a high accident location. The project will include bike and pedestrian access that currently doesn't exist on the north and south end. In addition, the project will stage construction in narrow slices to minimize impact to traffic. As per inquiry, steel piers on Morris Park will be replaced with concrete piers. As per inquiry, police station will not be closed during this work. As per inquiry, DOT is not yet certain if bike path alterations will block the lights of the oncoming traffic. As per comment, DM Rivera is also concerned and will be paying close attention to the walkway and bike lane behind Noble Park as safety is a concern for residents here with no constant NYPD supervision. Request for contraflow bike lanes wherever possible.

As per inquiry, If a major project is upcoming, then State DOT looks at the needs of that stretch of area with proposed work. DM Rivera to send email to State DOT regarding outstanding issues in the district.

III. Liquor License

- A. Liquor license requests will have to be approved at Executive Committee Meeting due to lack of quorum, Chair Brandon Ganaishlal and BM Henry Pelayo had no oppositions to the following requests: Bani Restaurant (1430 Watson Ave), Renewal; Melanie's Roti Grill & Restaurant (1248 Castle Hill Ave), Inc., Renewal; Ellie's Diner and Restaurant (58 Metropolitan Oval), Renewal; Golden Spoon Restaurant (1841 Westchester Ave), New Application (previously approved)

As per inquiry, Golden Spoon does have cameras that they are willing to share with NYPD, in addition, due to being a new establishment hours of operation for this restaurant will have restrictions until 1am on weekends and 12am on weekdays

IV. New Business

- A. Request for Bolton and Underhill to be converted to one-way streets between Story and Bruckner Blvd by Albert Einstein School. - item to be discussed further once confirmation from school principal regarding exact location and reason is obtained.

V. DM Update

- A. As per DM Rivera, CB9 will be hosting a toy drive on December 19th at Jimmy's for Board Member's only, BMs are asked to bring an unwrapped new toy. DM Rivera will send a follow-up email with more information.
- B. As per inquiry, is there going to be a bus lane on WPR on south bound side continuing past Story Ave? As per DM Rivera, NYC DOT will be putting No Standing signs as a compromise but these have not been put up yet, there will not be a bus lane until Old Navy but DM Rivera will ask for bus lane until at least Turnbull Ave or Lafayette Ave. NYC DOT said they will look at why signs are not up yet as per latest email. DM Rivera will send follow-up email on this.

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