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Land & Zoning, Economic Development & Planning Committee Meeting Summary November 6, 2023

Board Members Present: Mitchell Halpern, Twywana Bush, Andrea McLeod, Kevin Kiernan

I. Introduction

- A. Committee Description:** The Land & Zoning, Economic Development & Planning Committee represents the community's interests with regard to the use of land, zoning, landmark, building, etc. and acts as a liaison between community members and Department of City Planning, Department of Buildings & the New York City Economic Development Corporation.

II. Speaker

A. Metro-North Penn Station Access Update

Project Overview

- New Metro-North rail service to and from Penn Station
- 4 new ADA stations in the Bronx; reduce commutes to Midtown up to 50 minutes each way
- Regional transportation connectivity
- Upgrade Amtrak's Hell Gate Line to a state of good repair
- New Rochelle Yard Expansion

Overall Project Benefits: Decreased Travel Times, Optimizing Existing Infrastructure Enhanced Network Reliability, Economic Vitality, Sustainability, Reverse Commuting Opportunities, Bridging Communities, Regional Transportation Connectivity

Amtrak and Freight Railroad Benefits:

- Improves on-time performance and reliability for intercity passengers
 - Brings Amtrak's Hell Gate Line to a state of good repair, including: • Hell Gate Line catenary system • 100+ year old bridge structures
 - Electrical upgrades, improved signal system, and state-of-the-art communication system
 - Significant enhancements to stormwater management including new drainage
- Upcoming Work 2023-2024 include commission Leggit crossover, special track work component

Street Level Impacts: East Tremont Road:

- Temporary parking restriction and sidewalk closure on northbound East Tremont Road between Bronxdale Avenue and Unionport Road.
- A 5-foot protected pedestrian pathway will be maintained at this location.
- Beginning on or about November 1st, 2023, lasting until January 2024.

Telephone Hotline: 347-263-7837

Email: PSAOutreach@mtacd.org

Project Webpage: <https://new.mta.info/project/penn-station-access>

Sign-up for future updates and quarterly newsletters on the Project Webpage

III. BSA

A. BSA Submission; 426-81-BZII; 2329 Story Avenue

No objections on this renewal by the committee, this BSA was already previously approved.

B. BSA Cal # 799-89--BZIII; 1470 Bruckner Blvd.

This BSA for this location is for Colgate Scaffolding on the corner of Bruckner, Colgate, and Evergreen. This scaffolding has been there since 1993, with a commercial use since 1950 when BSA approved. BSA makes them comes back to the board for a recommendation every 10 years for an extension. The board previously approved this BSA in 2014, the request is for another 10 year extension. This location has no issues with neighbors and has been good to the community. The request is really for the back end of the property as it falls in residential zoning, half C8 and the other half R6.

No objections on this renewal by the committee

IV. New Business

A. Furman Center Report

The Furman Center was able to share a data spreadsheet with vacant lots and estimated underutilized lots.

This item will be discussed at next month's meeting in length.

Chair Mitchell Halpern has added columns to capture some additional data that may be needed.

B. Climate Strong Communities Group discussed by BM Chandra Moore, updates related to this topic is also relevant to this committee, topic to be added to December's agenda.

C. How to identify underutilized parks and property owned by the Parks Department that is vacant to be added to December's agenda.

D. There is a need for parking spaces in our district and consideration by developers for this.

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