



*Chairman Mohammed Mujumder - District Manager William Rivera*

# Public Safety & Transportation Committee Meeting Summary

## June 6, 2024

**Board Members Present:** Shante Chamblee, Elizabeth Angeles, Juan Torres, Sarwar Jahan

### 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, & NYS Liquor Authority.

### II. Speakers

#### A. NYC DOT - Bike Lane Updates (O'Brien between Soundview & Pugsley Creek)

Background:

- Soundview Bike Network presented to CB 9 in response to traffic fatalities and injuries (2021)
- Launch of e-scooter pilot program in the east Bronx (2021)
- Soundview Ave, Lafayette Ave, Rosedale Ave Proposal presented to CB9 (2022)
- Morrison Ave Plaza, Harrold Pl Open Street
- Ongoing project implementation

Proposal:

What is a Bike Blvd? Corridor designated and designed for bicycle travel, and pedestrian safety

- Enhance conventional, shared and signed bicycle routes
- Calms traffic with design interventions

Design elements include:

- Route Selection: direct access to destinations
- Speed and Volume Management: slow speeds; low or reduced vehicle volumes, divert cut-through traffic
- Signs, Wayfinding, and Pavement Markings: easy to find and follow
- Street Crossings: safe and convenient pedestrian and cyclist crossings; reduce cyclist delay

Goal:

- Fill the gap in the greenway network by connecting Soundview and Pugsley Creek Parks
- Pedestrian and cyclist connection between neighborhood amenities

Project Implementation:

- Summer/Fall 2024

#### B. NYC DOT - Cross Bronx Expressway Updates

DOT provided an update on the Reimagine the Cross Bronx Project. The project is currently in the Concept Development Phase (Spring to Summer 2024)

Overview included History of the Cross Bronx and the Study, Study Goals/Area/Phases, Identified Issues, Engagement Summary, and Upcoming Engagement Opportunities.

Study Goals:

- Facilitate a community-driven vision for the future of the Cross Bronx
- Create short, medium, and long-term concepts for improvements to the transportation network, public realm, and access to open space
- Increase community leadership to support implementation of strategies and future planning efforts
- Foster long-term collaboration between Cross Bronx stakeholders, Bronx residents, and City and State government

Four Main Categories of Identified Issues are:

- Connected Communities (Freight Management, Mobility Gaps, Public Transit)
- Safe Communities (Intersection & Corridor Safety Concerns), Climate Hazards)
- Healthy Communities (Open Space, Health Disparities, Air Pollution, Noise Pollution)
- Strong Communities (History & Culture, Community Planning)

Engagement Summary: Issue Identification Report - June 2024

<https://www.crossbronx.info/sites/default/files/2024-06/engagement-summary-issue-identification-report-may2024.pdf>

Registration for the Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> in person workshop or the Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup> virtual workshop can be done on the website at [nyc.gov/CrossBronx](http://nyc.gov/CrossBronx)

For questions or comments email: [crossbronx@dot.nyc.gov](mailto:crossbronx@dot.nyc.gov)

### III. Liquor License Applications

- A. A&M Lounge/Sabana Lounge & Restaurant (1460 Westchester Ave), Renewal**  
Approved with no objection by the committee.
- B. DBA Mirador Restaurant (1452 Westchester Ave), Class Change**  
Tabled, DM Rivera will revisit and inquire exactly what class change is being filed.
- C. Vista Hermosa Deli Restaurant (1201 Evergreen Ave), Renewal**  
Approved with no objection by the committee.
- D. R&R 1579 Bakery Corp/Jacqueline Lounge (1201 Manor Ave), Temporary Retail Permit**  
Approved with no objection by the committee.
- E. Castle West Bar & Grill Inc/500 Foot Hearing (2166 Westchester Ave), Denied**
- F. Pa' Caleta Inc (1735 E 172nd Street), Approved with Restriction**
- G. GMB Restaurant/Step In (1309 Metropolitan Ave), Approved**

### IV. Notifications

- A. DEP/ 311 Stats for May 2024**
- B. DOT-636435-K2G2 - Street Lighting - Pugsley Avenue between Bruckner Boulevard and Turnbull Avenue**  
Street Lighting Unit will schedule the installation
- C. NYC DOT Art Summer Streets Art Interventions (Deadline 06/16/24)**  
Flyer emailed to committee & included in email bulletin for wide distribution
- D. NYC DOT Art Community Commissions (Deadline 06/30/24)**  
Flyer emailed to committee & included in email bulletin for wide distribution
- E. Truck Route Network Redesign**  
<https://nycdotprojects.info/project/truck-route-network-redesign>
- F. Free Pest Control Services for Children with Asthma Living in the Bronx**  
For more information contact 718-508-0643 or [jpm@health.nyc.gov](mailto:jpm@health.nyc.gov)

**V. DM Update**

- A.** CB9 Office is working on an electronic SLA document and the goal is to have a summary of all active Liquor Licenses in sept including a listing of all restrictions
- B.** DM Rivera and NCO visited Yo Soy Tu Cocina Restaurant on Manor Ave and spoke to the owner regarding complaints the office has been receiving recently stemming from this business.
- C.** Quality of issues and vendors on Westchester and Starling Ave were discussed, DSNY Enforcement and AM Burgos and NCOS were looped in on Westchester Ave Corridor concerns. Starling Corridor is next on the list of priorities re: street vendors and double and triple parking.
- D.** DSNY Superintendent will be coming to DSC and potentially PS&T Committee Meeting in the fall.
- E.** DM Rivera had meeting with the Police Commissioner and they discussed some upcoming initiatives
- F.** DM Rivera spoke to landlord of old Models who is looking to obtain a permit for demolition, DM Rivera will see how he can assist with this request.
- G.** Currently there are no opposing candidates for State Elected Official races in CB9 so no candidate form is needed for this election. DM Rivera will work on City Elected Official Fact Sheet for next year's elections if needed.

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