



Chairman Nicholas Himidian Jr. - District Manager William Rivera

Public Safety & Transportation Committee Meeting **Minutes** **May 2, 2019**

Committee Chair: Brandon Ganaishlal

Vice Chair: Isabelo Adames

Board Members Present: Brandon Ganaishlal, Juan Torres, Kwabena Gabay and Daniel Porro

Board Members Not Present: Isabelo Adames, Henry Pelayo, Jr. and Cleneth Dais

Meeting Start Time: 7:08 PM

Introduction- 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.

New Business

A. Matt Arancio- DOT Bronx Director of Community Affairs and Planning

Soundview Ave. Safety Improvement Project

1. Soundview between Lafayette Ave and Clason Point Park

- Looked at intersections and tried to make it safer for pedestrians
- There were added crosswalks to improve pedestrian safety at places there weren't crosswalks before
- A triangle was added in the middle to shorten the long crosswalk
- There is a lot of road space that can possibly be changed to more pedestrian walkways and possibly do lane slimming
- Pictures of safety improvements included
- Feedback for Project and for Second Phase of Project:
 - Second Phase would be from Lafayette Ave to Bruckner along Soundview Ave and Rosedale Ave
 - This has done well in terms of school safety
 - This road space is convenient for drivers
 - Traffic light near Western Beef is confusing and unsafe
 - Lane slimming projects usually weren't well received
 - Maybe reach out to the people living specifically adjacent/impacted by the project
 - Preliminary presentation to hear from Community Board

- Will there be an educational campaign to teach pedestrians about street safety?
 - Yes, there is a school outreach component teaching students about crossing streets safely
- There should be a way to allow emergency vehicles and buses to get through because there are so many things going on
- Should look at signal timing or do a neck down
 - Painted pedestrian space to shorten pedestrian crossing distance
 - Shouldn't increase pedestrian space because there is already a limited number of parking spaces
- A lot of double parking on Soundview and looked into loading zones
 - Loading zones would have a window of time to load and unload
 - BMs: Not a real concern
- This project is part of Vision Zero
- Why not fix White Plains and Castle Hill before starting this project?
 - Spoke with DM Rivera and will come back with updates
- Maybe add bike lanes
 - There aren't any Citi Bikes but bike lanes beginning from parks would be a good start
 - They would also consider the number of travel lanes
 - BMs: Bike lanes shouldn't be a priority
- Updating wheelchair ramps across the city and advocating for one on Story Ave between Morrison and Boynton Ave where there is a half-street
 - There should be a temporary ramp while they figure it out

Notifications

A. DOT Traffic Signal Study Completion Letter

1. Read out loud by Committee Chair
 - Traffic Signal has been approved for the intersection of Watson Ave and Colgate Ave
 - Installation will be completed by September 30, 2019

B. Jennifer Lackard - Race for Reentry Announcement

1. Saturday, May 11th at Soundview Park
2. Registration starts at 8 AM and race starts at 9 AM
3. Free Activities for everyone

C. NYPD 43rd Precinct CompStat Report

1. Report attached

D. Additional Business

1. Light on Westchester Ave at Manor Ave going towards Elder Ave under the train station
 - Chair Brandon Ganaishalal will submit request to Shirley

Meeting Adjourned: 7:55 PM

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