

**COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 9
890 NOSTRAND AVENUE
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11225**

**Minutes of Transportation Committee Meeting
February 3, 2021**

ATTENDANCE:

Committee Members:

Carmen Martinez (Committee Chair, CB 9)
Calista DeJesus (Committee Co-Chair, Comm. Member)
Stanley Greenberg (Community Member)
Felice Robertson (Community Member)
Valerie Fleming (Community Member)
Suman Ganguli (Community Member)
Jeffrey Grannum (Community Member)
Nicholas Troccoli (Community Member)

Elected Officials/Reps:

Maurice Cummings, Council Member Ampry-Samuel

Absent Members:

Rabbi Chanina Sperlin (CB9)
Rosemarie Evering (CB9)

Visitors / Guests:

Alexandra Girgis, NYC DDC
Emily Riquelme-Beaufort, NYC DOT
Dash Henley, NYC DOT
Yoseff Kessler, Oone Pod
Solomon Neubort, Community Resident
Ronen Koniarski, Community Resident
Warren Berke, 1st Vice Chair, CB9
Nicholas Almodor, CB9 Member

Committee Chair Carmen Martinez convened meeting at 7:08PM, welcomed committee members and guests.

Ms. Alexandra Girgis, NYC Department of Design & Construction, provided update on the status of the Empire Boulevard Reconstruction Project, NYC DDC Project ID #HWK779W. Water main replacement has been completed at both ends of the project. After the sewer work, roadway restoration, curbs, signage and bus pad reconstruction will follow. The width of the lanes on Washington Avenue will remain the same. Repainting of road lines will take place and right hand lane will be "right turn only" lane. Parking on Washington and Franklin Avenues will no longer exist. There will be traffic light configuration at Franklin and Empire Boulevard. Committee member Troccoli inquired about the scheme of the plaza. Per Ms. Girgis, trees will be planted, there will be a garden-type area and the plaza will be paved for pedestrians.

Committee member Felice Robertson inquired about speed camera on Washington and Montgomery Street. Ms. Emily Riquelme-Beaufort to be provided with copies of correspondence already sent to Borough Commissioner Keith Bray on the matter, as well as his response.

Mr. Dash Henley provided update on the Clove Road Plaza project. DOT is continuing to meet with the developer and architects. The next step will be community workshop. Mr. Solomon Neubort asked how far south is the plaza going to be? Mr. Henley indicated that the plaza will be the length of the project, which is from the corner of Clove Road and Montgomery Street to the Associated. Committee member Jeff Grannum asked how the current situation with the Associated will affect the plaza. Mr. Henley indicated that the project belongs to different property owner from Associated. Whatever happens with Associated will be taken into account during the development of the project.

Mr. Yoseff Kessler made presentation about Oone Pod, which are a network of stations comprised of large pods for bicycle parking, but they also want to build smaller ones. Their large scale facilities house hundreds of bikes. The pods come in different colors, sizes, curbside and smaller kiosks for parking spaces of 6-10 bikes. They have a mobile app. You can order tire repairs via the app. They are seeking a resolution from the Board to DOT supporting the secured bike parking. They have been supported by elected officials. It's cost free to be a member. Membership services offers email and chat for emergencies. Automated entry and exit systems with a keycard or Smartphone app. Pods have illuminated interior for evening use, charging station for e-bikes, video camera monitoring and pumps for tires

Community co-chair Calista DeJesus motioned that the committee support Oone's request for a Board resolution; seconded by committee member Felice Robertson. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55PM.

The next Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 3, 2021.

Respectfully submitted by Carmen L. Martinez, Chair Transportation Committee
March 23, 2021