

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

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

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Committee Members:**

Carmen Martinez (Committee Chair, CB 9)  
Suman Ganguli (Community Member)  
Jeffrey Grannum (Community Member)  
Nick Troccoli (community Member)  
Valerie Fleming (Community Member)

**Guests:**

Nick Almonor (CB9)  
Warren Berke (CB9)  
Diana Soriano, NYC DOT  
Dash Henley, NYC DOT  
Sam Neubort, Community Resident  
Mr. Chaya, Community Resident

**Absent Members:**

Rosemarie Evering (CB 9)  
Rabbi Chanina Sperlin (CB 9)  
Calista DeJesus (Co-Chair, Community Member) – Excused  
Felice Roberson (Community Member)  
Stanley Greenberg (Community Member)

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Committee Chair Carmen Martinez convened meeting at 7:15PM and welcomed attendees.

Following brief remarks and introductions, the Committee welcomed Ms. Diana Soriano, our new DOT liaison from the Brooklyn Borough Commissioner's office. Her colleague, Dash Henley, provided an update on the Clove Road Plaza project. Per Mr. Henley, he is meeting with the project's architects later in the week. They are putting together flyers with a survey about the project to be distributed at the site to solicit public input; they expect to have something by Friday. There will also be the option to do the survey online. With regard to Malbone Street, DOT is looking into the curb cuts north of Malbone (Clove Road & Montgomery Street) and north of the Associated Supermarket. Warren Berke asked how would any new development of the Associated Supermarket site would affect the plaza. Mr. Henley indicated that any possible new development would be taken into consideration as the project moves along.

Ms. Soriano and Mr. Henley jointly provided details of DOT's responses to CB 9 with regard to the transportation-related capital budget priorities and requests that the Transportation Committee submitted for FY 2022. The Committee chair was particularly interested in the capital funding for Midwood St. b/t Utica and Schenectady Avenues, a street with a grade problem that's further exacerbated by a lack of proper sewer drainage causing a longstanding severe ponding and street flooding condition that's hazardous for pedestrians and motorists alike during the winter months when the road becomes icy. DOT has reportedly requested funding for the roadway reconstruction and, per Ms. Soriano and Mr. Henley, DOT needs the Board's help by reaching out to the district's council members for their respective support for the capital funding. Similarly, support is needed for funding for the resurfacing of Lincoln Road b/t Bedford and Flatbush Avenues, a street that has been in need of reconstruction for a number of years due to large craters on the roadway. With regard to the need for traffic calming on Ocean Avenue from Flatbush to Parkside, we were informed that there is an existing joint DOT & Parks Department capital project for that area. All speed hump requests are currently on hold due to COVID. DOT does not have funding for speed cameras and suggests that the Board reach out to the local elected officials, both at city and state levels, for funding. Lastly, when submitting transportation-related budget requests, the Board needs to be specific as to areas in questions and provide detailed information. Soliciting the district's council members support beforehand is a plus.

DDC representative Alexandra Girgis did not attend the meeting, therefore, there were no updates on the Empire Blvd/Washington/Franklin reconstruction project; thus, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58PM.

The next Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 7, 2021.

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