

Brooklyn Community Board 9
890 Nostrand Avenue
Brooklyn, New York 11225
Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2022
Meeting ID: 882 2868 7597

Attendance (Board Members): Carmen Martinez, Chair; Felice Robertson

Attendance (Community Resident Members): Dave Paco Abraham; Calista DeJesus; Shani Valerie Fleming; Suman Ganguli; Jeffrey Grannum; Stanley Greenberg; Carole Mehlman; Patrick Scalise

Absent (Board Members): Stuart Balberg; Menachem Margolin; Yaakov Pearson

Absent (Community Resident Members): None

Guests: Warren Berke (CB9); Nicolas Almonor (CB9); Diane Smith, Comm. Resident; William O’Leary, Comm. Resident

Agency representative: Alexandra Girgis, Department of Design and Construction

CB9 Staff Member: Mia Hilton, Assistant District Manager

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- I.** Committee Chair, Carmen Martinez called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
 - II. Empire Reconstruction Project Update, Alexandra Girgis, NYCDDC**
 - a.** Project received a time extension through Nov 2022 (was stated in four to Quarter 2021 Newsletter)
 - b.** Contractor was working surface level activities on the east side at the end of 2021.
 - c.** Due to the wintry weather and completion of the removal/relocation of utility interferences by ConEdison, operations moved the west end.
 - d.** Sewer replacement operations are currently underway at the intersection of Franklin Ave & Empire Blvd.
 - e.** Sewer and water main replacement on Franklin Ave b/w Empire Blvd & Sullivan Pl will follow, and require a temporary road closure.
 - f.** Once permitted by DOT, road closure will occur during work hours of 9AM – 2PM from Mon-Fri for approx. 4-6 weeks.
 - g.** Road closure will also require parking restrictions; Community Advisories will be distributed for both.
 - h.** Work on the east end is expected to resume with more consistently warm weather.
 - i.** Pedestrian Safety

1. Contractor utilizes pedestrian barricades and signage to intermittently close crosswalks and portions of roadway where work is occurring. They also have flaggers directing pedestrians.
2. If a community member observes anything they find concerning, they can and should contact the CCL at 646-630-0464.

ii. Committee Member Concerns

1. Committee Member Paco Abraham inquired whether work would include the installation of bump outs which will enhance pedestrian safety but may impact the possibility of a future extension to the Empire Blvd bike lane from its current end point at Bedford Ave west to the park.
 - a. One bump-out will be installed at the northeast corner of Empire Blvd & Washington Ave for those pedestrians traveling south across Empire Blvd
 - b. One bump-out will be installed at the northeast corner of Empire Blvd & Franklin Ave for those crossing west across Franklin Ave.

III. Open Discussion

a. Continued areas of concern

- i. Street restoration at the completion of the Empire Blvd reconstruction project
- ii. Crosswalk installation at Sterling Street and Washington Avenue
- iii. Safety accommodation for the Workshop Middle School at 1100 Washington Avenue
- iv. Monitoring of car/pedestrian safety at the stop sign installed at the fork in the road at 921 East New York Avenue
- v. Midwood Street capital project
- vi. City Racks installation at Major R, Owens Wellness Center
- vii. Speed camera at Montgomery and Washington
- viii. Pothole

b. Next steps

- i. Compile outstanding DOT work orders
- ii. Plan community walk: Committee Members to complete a Doodle Poll

IV. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjournment at 8:09 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by, Mia N. Hilton
March 4, 2022